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Better efforts urged to support Israel

By
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MONTREAL —
Charles Bronfman convened a rare meeting of almost every national Jewish organization this month in Toronto to discuss ways the community may better deal with the ramifications in Canada of the Palestinian uprising and other Israel-related issues.

Bronfman said the purpose of the meeting was to "strengthen and coordinate" the work of the organizations in this area with the desired result being a "unified effort that is best for Canadian Jewry."

During the approximately 4-hour meeting, such issues as media coverage of Israel, government relations, mobilization of the Jewish community, and the assignment of specific responsibilities among the organizations were discussed.

The goal, he said, of these talks is that the Jewish community will be "one step ahead; and not always (relying on) rearguard action...The community has to have a game plan, to be able to anticipate events. There is concern about how we react to it all."

Charles Bronfman

Each organization's role was examined at the meeting, he said, and there was discussion of how policy set by the Canada-Israel Committee can be better implemented locally.

"We're all saying there seems to be a problem. But nobody is heaping blame on anybody. It just seems we can't get our act together as well as we should."

No resolutions, he said, were adopted. However, it was decided that a similar meeting should take place in October. Participation, said Bronfman, is voluntary.

He emphasized that this was a "meeting of friends" and no one organization was singled out for criticism. "These were concerns voiced by the organizations themselves."

Both lay and professional representatives of the following organizations attended: Canadian Jewish Congress, United Israel Appeal, National Budgeting Conference, Canada-Israel Committee, Canadian Zionist Federation, Allied Jewish Community Services, Toronto Jewish Congress, Council of Jewish Federations and B'nai B'rith. Several individuals not representing any of these organizations were also present.

One of those individuals, Thomas Hecht, was impressed by "the sincere desire for effective crisis management" expressed at the meeting. He is encouraged that there will be a more concerted effort by local organizations to deal with issues related to Israel, either by supporting the local CIC office or doing it themselves.

Hecht said the community has not been effective in monitoring the media's coverage of the Arab-Israeli conflict, in working on college campuses to combat Palestinian propaganda or in providing leadership during the current "crisis."

"The community should be aware that there is an or-

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Arafat stirs controversy in Strasbourg

By
EDWIN EYTAN

STRASBOURG, France (JTA) —
Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat said little of substance here last week to indicate where the PLO stands with respect to the Middle East peace process.

Invited to the Parliament of Europe several months ago for what many expected to be a revelation of PLO policy, Arafat spoke only at a closed meeting of the 165-member Socialist delegation.

He failed to say what course the PLO would follow since King Hussein of Jordan abdicated responsibility for the Palestinians of the West Bank nearly two months ago.

His remarks, as far as they went, were dismissed in Jerusalem. The director general of the Prime Minister's Office, Yossi Ben-Aharon, told reporters that Arafat said "nothing new."

It was the Socialists, the largest single bloc in the 12-nation parliament, who extended the invitation to Arafat over the protests of most of the other factions.

And protests continued during the week. Lord Plumb, a British Conservative who is president of the parliament, was sharply taken to task by colleagues for meeting with Arafat on his arrival here.

On Rosh Hashanah some 2,000 protesters marched from the city's synagogue to the parliament building denouncing "the reception given to the leader of the terrorist movement."

According to sources attending the meeting of the Socialist bloc, the PLO leader said he and his organization "are ready to go to an international peace conference to make peace with the enemy."

"I want to make peace with our enemy," Arafat was quoted as saying, though apparently he was unable to utter the enemy's name — Israel. "There must be courageous men ready to accept the hand I am stretching."

At a news conference here, Arafat told reporters he was ready to meet with anyone from Israel at the United Nations to find a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"I am addressing myself to the Israeli people, will they elect peace or war," Arafat said. Later he wished a "shana tova" to "all the Jews. A happy new year, a peaceful new year," the PLO leader said.

But while commanding an international forum and world media attention here, Arafat seemed as elusive as ever with respect to PLO policy.

He told the Socialists the PLO was willing to accept a settlement based on UN Security Council resolution 242 and 338, which imply recognition of Israel.

But Arafat has said as much before. He made no explicit promise to recognize Israel and made clear that Israel first would have to recognize the PLO.

The PLO chairman had been expected to anounce the establishment of a Palestinian government in exile. Questioned on the subject, he stressed that such a decision can be made only by the Palestine National Council, the PLO's so-called parliament in exile.

The PNC has been unable to agree on a date for its next session, which will

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GETTING ALONG
The feeling is mutual for Muhammed Musalem (left) and Gad Sharon (right), Arab and Jewish pre-schoolers at a Na'amat Day Care Centre recently opened in Bat Yam, near Tel Aviv. The centre has a mixed enrolment of Arab and Israeli children who, like these two, seem to have no problem in getting along.

La Presse claims "Jewish problem"

MONTREAL —
Both Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith have expressed shock at a front-page article in La Presse, which they say is anti-semitic in its characterization of chassidic Jews in Outremont.

The article, headlined: "Outremont se decouvre un 'probleme juif': le nombre des juifs hassidiques a double en vingt ans (Outremont uncovers a 'Jewish problem': The number of chassidic Jews has doubled in 20 years)," is about the tensions that have been building over the past few years between chassidic and the mainly francophone residents of Outremont.

Last June, some Outremont residents bitterly opposed the rezoning of a property in a residential area in order that a chassidic sect, the Vishnitzers, could build a synagogue. The issue was compounded by the fact that another sect operates a synagogue across the street.

Over the past summer, the local newspaper Journal d'Outremont has carried several letters complaining that the chassidim are unfriendly, that they ignore parking regulations, and are buying up houses. Some residents, including the leader of the municipal opposition party Gerard Pelletier, have also expressed a fear that with their high birthrate, the chassidic Jews will soon outnumber French-Canadians.

The article says that Outremont has discovered that "it has not only a Jewish minority, but probably a Jewish 'problem.'"

It says the chassidim now represent 11% of the population, and with their high fertility rate will be demanding more and more space in the future — and are prepared to violate municipal regulations if they cannot get it any other way.

CJC denounced the article as "reminiscent of Germany in the 1930s."

"The article is reprehensible and it is shocking that a major newspaper should allow what is a problem of multicultural communication to be presented as a Jewish problem," said Michael Crelinsten, CJC Quebec Region director. "It's a biased slur against the Jewish community...It assigns the entire responsibility for an intercommunity problem on one community."

CJC has written to La Presse director Claude Masson, but as of last week had not decided what further action it might take against the newspaper.

Meanwhile, B'nai B'rith, which has mediated two roundtable discussions between the chassidim and other Outremont residents over the past two years, last week called an "emergency" executive meeting to decide what to do.

Regional BB League for Human Rights director Eric Litwack would only say before the meeting "we are unhappy, it's a biased article and we are considering all options."

He said more face-to-face meetings would be organized. — J.A.

Multicultural portfolio gets ministry status

By
JEFF ROSEN

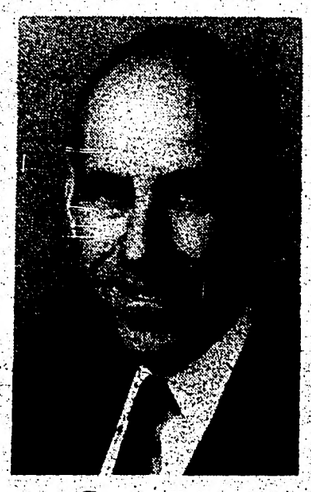
OTTAWA —
Montreal-area MP Gerry Weiner has become the first Jew in Canada ever to head a full federal cabinet department in a Conservative government.

In what many will see as a pre-election ploy, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney last week created a new department of multiculturalism and citizenship with Weiner at the helm.

Weiner, PC candidate in the new Montreal riding of Pierrefonds-Dollard, was named minister in charge of the new multiculturalism department, considered by many as a step up from his old junior post of minister of state for multiculturalism.

While Weiner will remain a minister of state until the new department is set up, his press secretary, Len Westerberg, said the machinery to create the new portfolio is underway.

When complete, Weiner will become a full minister in the Mulroney's 40 person cabinet. The move transfers multiculturalism out of the secretary of state and transfers citizenship duties to the new department.



Gerry Weiner

Weiner said that the Prime Minister's move will allow the government to better coordinate departmental activities and communicate with Canada's ethnocultural communities.

"It is the logical step after the Canadian Multiculturalism Act," he told The CJN when contacted in Vancouver. "It reinforces the benefits of multiculturalism to Canadians.

"I'm a proud member of the Jewish community and thrilled to have been given this opportunity by the PM," Weiner added. "I've received a lot of support from the ethnocultural community for the work that's been done. There is a great deal of understanding across the country."

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Moscow Orchestra arrives in Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) —
The Moscow Chamber Orchestra arrived in Israel last week for a performance under the baton of violinist Vladimir Spivakov. It is the first visit for the ensemble and for its members, most of whom are Jewish.

Upon arrival, the musicians went directly from Ben Gurion Airport to the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv, where American maestro Leonard Bernstein was rehearsing the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra in Gustav Mahler's Sixth Symphony.

The visitors from Moscow surprised Bernstein with a birthday gift. On learning that Spivakov was celebrating his own birthday, Bernstein presented him with his conductor's baton as a gift.

The former conductor of the New York Philharmonic is leading the Vienna orchestra on a gala concert tour of Israel — its first — hosted by the Israel Philharmonic.

Founded in 1842, the Vienna orchestra is the oldest orchestra in Europe.

World-National

Kahane disregards democracy

RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The news that Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach Party may poll as much as 19% of the Israeli vote on Nov. 1, has exercised a good many Jews in the Diaspora as well as in Israel itself. What is it precisely that sets this party aside from all others? The former U.S. citizen has been a bone of contention ever since he came to the attention of the public.

Rabbi Plaut

His ideas for the Diaspora were simple: anti-semitism is on the rise: Jews are an endangered species and could face another Holocaust. Therefore they must be prepared and practice self-defence — not by anti-defamation literature and court proceedings, but by sheer physical methods: hit the enemy the moment he raises his ugly head.

Jews in the Western democracies did not take kindly to this kind of teaching and anyway, Kahane transferred his field of action to Israel. There of course, anti-semites were no longer his focus. Instead, Arabs and their future became Kahane's theme. In his view, the idea of an Israeli democracy, with rights extended to everyone alike, is fundamentally flawed.

Kahane posits a choice for Israelis: you must opt either for democracy or for a Jewish state. You can't have it both ways, for the two are incompatible. Kahane, taking it for granted that Israelis want not merely a state for Jews but a Jewish state, draws the conclusion: We must get rid of the Arabs in our midst, lest they overpower us with their numbers and continually dilute and endanger our community.

How can this be done, seeing that these Arabs claim for themselves the same right as Jews, to live where they are? Kahane says: Offer them compensation to move, but if they don't leave voluntarily, expel them by force. Four years ago, during the last election, this kind of approach to Israel's prime national problem was overwhelmingly rejected by the voters. If it hadn't been for the system of proportional representation, Kahane would not have been elected to the Knesset.

But this year his ideas have clearly made serious inroads. His very radicalism, wrapped in the robe of Jewish survival, has made him attractive to many Israelis. Of course, they don't speak of "expelling Arabs;" a morally dubious idea. They now speak of a "population transfer," which sounds more acceptable but is the same thing. Kahane does not advocate peace conferences and negotiations which only point up Israel's weakness. Deal from strength, he urges, and get rid of the pest once and for all.

What happens to democracy and human rights? Forget them, he says, we can't afford them — not now. The whole idea of Israel was to create a Jewish state, not to create merely another democracy. It would be lovely if we could have both together, but since we can't, democracy has to go out the window. Human rights? Who ever looked out for ours? Now we have a chance to solve our problem once and for all, so let's do it. And world opinion be damned.

The trouble is that "world opinion" also includes the Jews of the Diaspora, most of whom are horrified at this latest version of so-called Jewishness. And the further fact is that, while most Israelis fervently hope for some form of resolution of the Arab problem, they don't buy this one. It goes against their innate sense of justice. So strong is their feeling about it that they once more talk of banning Kahane's Kach faction altogether. Kach, they point out, is racist in the meaning of an Israeli law that prohibits parties with racist programs from standing for the Knesset. At this writing I do not know whether this latest move to deal with the rising tide of Kahanism will succeed.

Meanwhile the uprising in the territories has hardened Israeli attitudes, and the polls predict a marked swing toward the right. If Kahane will be allowed to run he will doubtlessly take votes from Likud and Tehiya. But even then it appears certain that a coalition embracing these two parties plus the religious bloc would reject Kahane as a partner in the government.

Kremlin wants to keep Mideast pot boiling

Soviet moves seen as deceptive

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Despite the more soothing tone of recent statements on the Arab-Israel conflict by Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev and other kremlin leaders, the Reagan administration still remains doubtful that Moscow's approach has truly become more constructive.

In recent weeks, top U.S. officials have even warned Israel not to get too carried away with hopes that the Soviets are in fact changing their stripes.

Peter W. Rodman, a senior staffer on the National Security Council (NSC) in the White House, has insisted that the most recent developments in Soviet policy in the Middle East do not add up "to a significant change."

Writing in the current issue of The National Interest, a scholarly quarterly published in Washington, Rodman insisted that the Soviet Union's willingness to expand its dialogue with Israel — including an exchange of consular visits — was not very important.

"For all the consular visits and official-level meetings," he said, "I am struck by what has *not* happened. I see these Soviet moves as an easy substitute for full diplomatic relations with Israel, not as a precursor, and I hope my Israeli friends don't sell themselves too cheaply."

A further measure of Washington's deep concern has been the flurry of Soviet construction at Syria's port of Tartus. U.S. officials, in general, have been aroused by the high level of Soviet naval activity throughout the Mediterranean region.

A front-page report in The New York Times on Aug. 28 said the Soviets plan to make Tartus capable of repairing and maintaining their Mediterranean fleet.

"This will obviate the necessity of frequent naval transits to home ports in the Black Sea," said Admiral William O. Studeman, director of the National Security Agency (NSA), in a recent report to Congress. "It would permit longer deployment and an overall increased Soviet presence in an area of considerable political-military volatility."

Other U.S. officials noted that the Soviet base at Tartus has made Haifa's port facilities even more important to the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. In recent years, there has been a dramatic increase in U.S. port visits to Haifa, especially because other traditionally friendly ports in the Eastern Mediterranean — including those belonging to NATO allies Greece and Turkey — have become less receptive to the Americans. The Soviet activity at Tartus will further strengthen this trend.

So what are the Soviets really up to?

Rodman, for his part argues that the Soviets "probably" do not want to see another Arab-Israeli war erupt "because their clients are the weaker; Arab-Israeli wars typically leave Soviet clients with losses of thousands of lives and vast amounts of military hardware and recriminations about whether the losses were the fault of the supplier or the user and why the Soviets did not intervene directly to help their friends."

Thus, Rodman's assessment remains the same as it has been for many years. "The Soviets want to keep the pot boiling in the region but at the same time they do not want to allow it to spill over into an actual war. It is difficult to see how the Soviets can see an Arab-Israeli settlement as in their strategic interest," he said.

"A peace settlement — if it ever comes about — will come about through Jordan and moderate Palestinians," he continued. "No other arrangement will work. A solution thus will vindicate moderate Arab policies and pro-Western Arab governments. It will enormously strengthen the American position in the Middle East by allowing mutually beneficial economic and political relations to flourish unclouded by resentments over the long-standing Palestinian problem. It will weaken the blocking position of radicals in the Arab world — who just happen to be the Soviets' traditional and principal clients (Syria, the PLO, Libya)."

Technion's success: a story which needs telling

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

What makes headlines in Israel? A clash between Arab rioters and the army is good front page stuff. The collapse of over-expanded labor-managed industries is sure to command attention. A murder, a good spy story, a dramatic accident — all are reported in full detail.

But a success story, even when it is unusual against a background of failures and misjudgments, gets hardly a nod. Who's interested? The point is, the press and the government and the general public *should* be interested.

A case in point is the Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology. This, the oldest of Israel's universities, is almost taken for granted. It accepts students every year, educates and trains them, and turns out scientists, engineers in almost every major field of technology, architects, physicians — more than 25,000 of them since the Technion first opened its doors. Can one conceive of modern, industrialized, progressive Israel as we know it today, without this great reservoir of skilled manpower on both the defence and civilian fronts?

This is done on an annual budget of around $76 million.

Yet when the Technion's vice-president for administration and finance reported to the last meeting of the international board of governors that for the past two years the institution has finished its fiscal year without a deficit, an event of unprecedented significance on the Israel economic scene today, there was hardly a ripple of comment among the members. They are beginning to take this for granted.

How was it done? The answers would serve as an object lesson to other Israeli bodies, both public and private. For one thing, "We did not undertake any operation for which financing was not previously secured." In other words, no expansion without assured financial covering. Furthermore: "We are strongly opposed to creating deficits which, ultimately will have to be covered by governmental assistance. Thanks to this policy, we have spared ourselves the necessity of imposing drastic measures, such as dismissing employees or cutting salaries."

As an institution which also teaches management on the industrial level, the Technion put its own sage counsel into practice, and at a time when almost everyone else was losing his shirt in unwise investments, the Technion has for the past two years made comfortable profits on the wise investment of its endowment funds.

The picture is not competely rosy, however. Stability was maintained, but a price was paid. Academic departments found that their requests for more funds to replace obsolete equipment were not always met. The library was not able to keep up with all necessary acquisitions of scientific literature and publications. There was a slowdown in appointments of new, younger staff members. And finally, it was not always easy to keep talented staff members, considering the low salaries paid — a price which the Technion must pay since, so long as it accepts a government subsidy, it must comply with the government's policy of rigidly fixed salaries.

Yet there was stability. During all this time, the number of students at the Technion continued to increase, the total of undergraduates rising by 6.2% last year, and the number of postgraduate students by 3%.

There is an old adage to the effect that no synagogue can ever raise money unless it has a mortgage hanging over its head. Similarly, there have been times in the history of the Technion when some advocated a generous, easy-spending, ever expanding program, on the grounds that the bigger the deficit, the more support would be received from the government and from donors. Fortunately, this point of view never prevailed at the Technion, and experience has shown that as the Institute has demonstrated its ability to run the operation in a business-like manner, it has gained the confidence and the support of its friends and well-wishers. A small, manageable deficit which had been carried over from long-past years, is slowly being retired.

The Technion is the result of a vision by farsighted planners many years ago. Today there are some in the institution who have a new vision: to build an overall endowment fund of $500 million, the income of which will enable it to free itself both of government subsidies and government fetters.

In Israel today, whatever has to do with computers, aeronautics, architecture, nuclear engineering, hydraulics, civil engineering, agricultural machinery, the manufacture of polymers and plastics, building construction, water resources, electronics, processing and preservation of foods, among many other fields, very likely has its roots in the classrooms and laboratories of the Technion.

The news editors don't consider any of this worthy of front page headlines, but the knowledge that this institution exists, and is managed quite well, is most comforting.

Faerber invited

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Israeli writer Meir Faerber has been invited by East Berlin's Jewish community to give a series of readings from his plays, novels, and poems. Scheduled for Oct. 10, this event will mark the first time in which an Israeli author has been so honored in East Germany.

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Calls for Israeli U to teach in English

Simcha Dinitz sets out to put ideas into action

By
DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An Israeli university teaching in English, Simcha Dinitz has nurtured this idea as his own private dream for years — ever since he served as Israel's ambassador to Washington in the late 1970s.

Now, as chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, he has the authority, the prestige and the resources to try and implement it. And as he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, he has already set about it with vigor.

The universities of Tel Aviv and Beersheba have responded to his initial feelers with enthusiasm, he said in a Rosh Hashanah interview.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where Dinitz served as vice-president for five years until his election as chairman of the World Zionist Organization-Jewish Agency Executive earlier this year, is "more stuffy and conservative."

But he believes they, too, will see "that this is a great idea" and indeed that the new university should be housed in the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus in West Jerusalem.

Since most of Hebrew University has moved over the past two decades to its campus on Mount Scopus, in East Jerusalem, the Givat Ram location is only sparsely inhabited.

Dinitz said that two internationally known scholars are working on blueprints. He himself proposes to convene a top-level confabulation of representatives from the government, WZO, Council for Higher Education and individual universities to start the ball rolling.

If the Hebrew University's buildings are made available, he said, the envisioned university should be self-supporting, with students paying some $5,000 a year in tuition. This is a great deal more than the average in Israeli universities, Dinitz noted, but much less than the average private American university charges.

Dinitz would like to see two or three famed Jewish Nobel laureates attached to the teaching staff during the first year to give the unique institution a dramatic and prestigious start.

The university would strive for excellence, awarding degrees — first Bachelor's and, soon after, Master's — recognized and respected the world over.

Simcha Dinitz

Dinitz regards the project as the embodiment of what he believes must be the twin foci of Zionist effort at the end of the 20th century: Jewish education and Israel experience for as many young people in the Diaspora as possible.

With the language barrier removed, Dinitz reasons, Jewish youngsters could live and study here not merely for summer courses or 1-year programs, but for a full university cycle.

"And they'd be learning Hebrew naturally, as part of living here. There would be friendships and marriages, and a great deal of eventual aliya," he said.

But all the students, regardless of where they eventually settle, would carry with them through life a profound and sustained Jewish-Israeli learning experience.

For Dinitz, this same philosophy molds his approach to Soviet Jewry at this time of change and evolution in the Soviet Union as a whole, and for the Jewish community there in particular.

"I have never been afraid of changing my views," he said when asked if his stress on Jewish education and culture inside the Soviet Union today vindicates the late Nahum Goldmann's approach to Soviet Jewry 20 to 30 years ago.

"We have to ask ourselves why there is so high a dropout rate, why there is so much alienation," Dinitz stressed.

The answer, he said, throughout the Diaspora and all the more so in the Soviet Union after 70 years of Communism, is to be found in cultural and spiritual emptiness and ignorance.

The hoary Zionist debate between aliya, on the one hand, and building up Diaspora communities, on the other, is "archaic and irrelevant," Dinitz asserted.

The two goals are in no way contradictory, but rather support and sustain each other. Zionism must be predicated on strong communities where knowledge of Jewish heritage and culture is widespread.

Dinitz, refreshingly frank and realistic, readily conceded that current Diaspora experience has shown that Jewishly well-educated Jews-on-the-move, from South Africa for instance, choose destinations other than Israel.

That proves, he said, not that education does not matter, "but that Jewish education is necessary but is not sufficient" to imbue young people with Zionist goals and values.

In addition, if aliya from the free world is to grow, there has to be "a positive pull from Israel," Dinitz said. This applies both to concrete matters of jobs and housing, and also to the less tangible but nevertheless vital area of "vision and drama."

Tourist decline bottoms out

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The decline in tourist arrivals has apparently bottomed out, figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics show.

Some 95,000 tourists entered the country in August — not counting stopovers by cruise passengers. Seasonally adjusted and averaged in with July figures, the figure was 8% higher than the May-June average, when the slump in tourism apparently reached its nadir.

Arrivals for August were still down a sharp 21.4% from year-ago levels, when 121,900 tourists entered the country. Last year was a record for tourism, following a bad year in 1986, when only 93,000 tourists came into Israel in August.

For the summer season, the bureau said, some 204,000 tourists came to Israel — 20% fewer than 1987 but about the same number as in 1986. For the first eight months of the year, the number of arrivals was down 12% compared with 1987 to 815,500.

The tourism slump this year began in April, after three strong months in the first part of the year when tourism is traditionally low, and has been attributed principally to the intifada, although the weak U.S. dollar also contributed to the downturn. July was the first month to show an improvement over previous months.

Palestinian toll inflated, says IDF spokesman

MONTREAL — The chief spokesman for the Israel Defence Forces says the reported figure of the number of Palestinians killed by the army is inflated. Dozens of the reported deaths were due to accidents, murders or natural causes, said Brig. Gen. Ephraim Lapid.

Lapid, who made a brief visit to Montreal and Ottawa on a recent North American tour, said the foreign press in Israel is "mostly fed by Palestinian sources who give them their point of view based on their interests."

Gen. Ephraim Lapid

Lapid said this information may contain "a kernel of truth covered with a lot of rumor."

For example, on one particular day during the uprising foreign news organizations reported that three Palestinians had been killed in the territories by Israeli soldiers.

"In reality, one was killed in a fire, one died of a heart attack and the third was killed in a car accident," Lapid said.

The problem is that Israel cannot immediately refute statistics released by the Palestinians, he said. "If the army fires into a mob, it can take hours, days or weeks to check how many died."

Another example was the time the Palestinians informed the media that a 70-year-old Palestinian man was found trapped in a hole in the ground. The Palestinians said the Israelis did it; the foreign press came to Lapid for a response.

"We had to check with a lot of commanders and units in the area. After a few days there was no evidence. We sent the secret service.

"They found the man's own son had put him in the cell to inherit his father's money, Lapid said.

An Israeli explanation of the incident was later published, but it was old news by that time, he stated.

Lapid charged that the foreign press is obsessive about printing an almost daily death total from the Palestinian uprising.

"The number of victims is minor to the volume of activity. There are hundreds of soldiers equipped with lethal ammunition. The death total could be in the thousands."

Lapid said every death is investigated by the army.

Ethnocultural child care urged by Congress

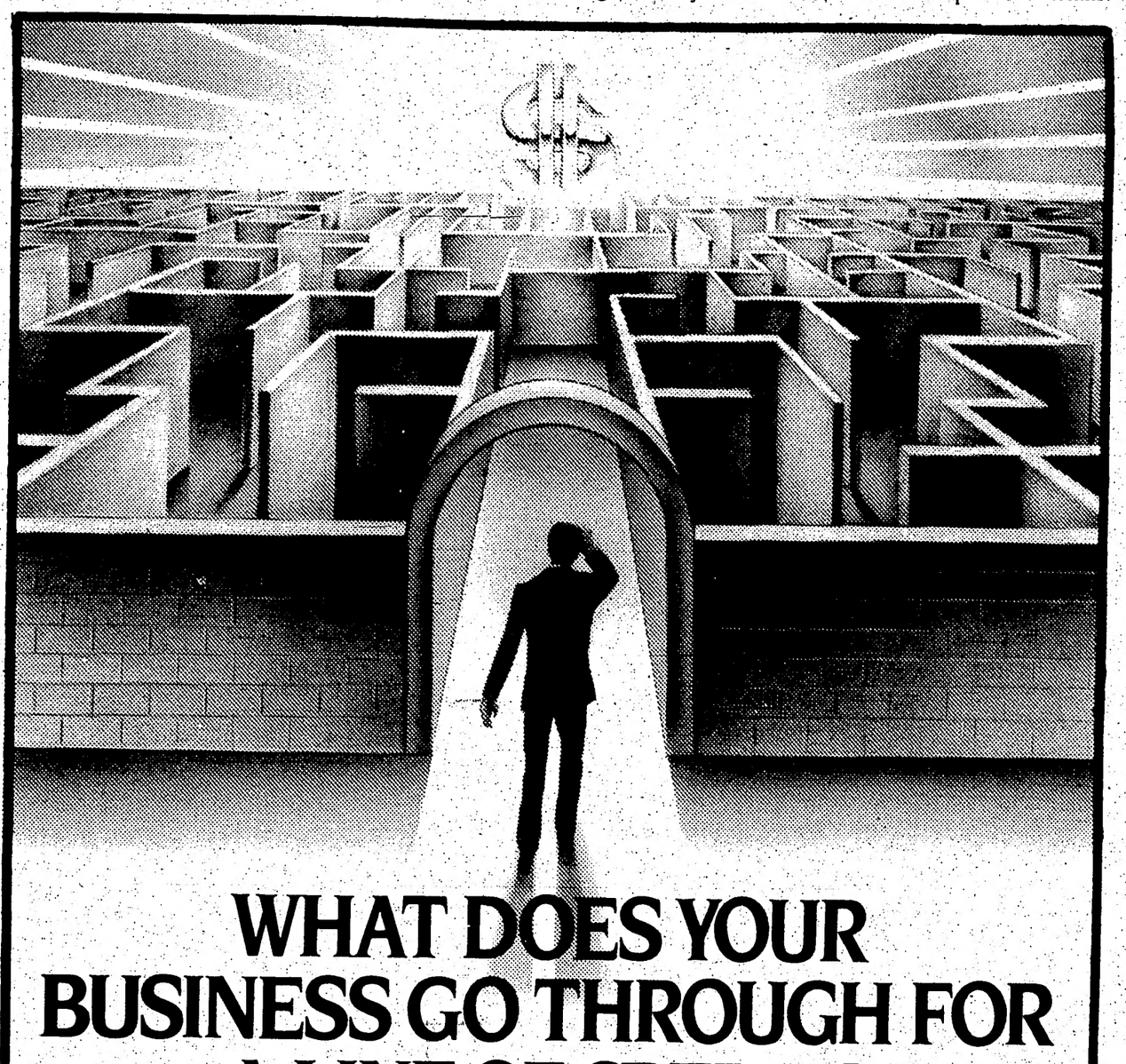
OTTAWA — The Jewish community endorses the value of ethnospecific, culturally rich child care, states a Canadian Jewish Congress' brief to the legislative committee examining Bill C-144, the Canada Child Care Act.

The brief urges the government to amend Bill C-144 to explicitly support a multicultural approach to child care. Its recommended changes to the bill would mandate the multiculturalism minister to support such services for ethnic groups and to implement an educational program to sensitize the provinces to the needs of maintaining and encouraging care on that basis.

The CJC delegation was led by Shira Herzog Bessin, co-chairman of the law and social action committee; Eric Vernon, director of legislative analysis and social policy; and two community representatives, Pepita Capriola of Montreal Allied Jewish Community Services, and Randy Spiegel of Toronto Jewish Congress.

In presenting the brief, they also raised doubts about the "national" character of the government's child care strategy, pointing out that there are no national objectives guiding provincial service delivery, as is the case with other federal-provincial cost-shared programs.

CJC further urged the government not to abandon the low-income subsidies currently available under Canada Assistance Program funding, which the new cost-sharing arrangements replace.



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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: When buying an esrog for Succos, should I buy one grown in Israel? Or, may I buy one from another country, as long as it's kosher in every detail?

This is an old controversy that flares up every few years, especially at shmittah time.

Rabbi Burak

In the year 5637 (1837), a number of the greatest rabbis in Poland were unhappy with the popularity that esrogim from the island of Corfu enjoyed over the competition, even more than American leaders of today are disturbed by the popularity Japanese cars enjoy in America.

A number of them joined in a call to the members of the rabbinate to ban the use of esrogim from Corfu. The aristocratic head of the Polish rabbinate, the Gaon Rabbi Chaim Elazar Waks z.l., assumed the leadership in this movement. He was the sage who had been called to serve as Rav of Brisk in Lithuania, before the first of the Soloveitchik Gaonim occupied that throne; he remained in Poland because his colleagues begged him not to leave them.

Rav Waks sent a letter to the Gaon Rabbi Elazar HaCohen z.l. of Paltusk asking him to join in blocking the use of Corfu esrogim. The sage of Paltusk refused to sign such a letter, and gave this response: "As to the esrogim from Corfu, I understand that the people started to buy them when the holy Rav, the Tzaddik, the Rebbe of Lublin z.t.vk.l. began to buy them.

"I have also heard that the Maggid of Koznitz z.t.l. and other great ones of the Jewish community and the tzaddikim of the generation before us purchased them to fulfil their religious duty at the time when the Yenever (brand) were around. And therefore it is difficult for me to sign (a document) that they should not buy the Corfu ones, when great men . . . and tzaddikim of the generation before us . . . bought them. . . ."

Rav Waks gracefully accepted this refusal, but insisted that one could not prove anything from the fact that the Lubliner Tzaddik used Corfu esrogim. The Tzaddik of Lublin z.l. was a miracle man possessed of unusual powers who could look at two glasses of wine, lift them up, and know which one was kosher and which was treifa. The implication was that others who didn't have this skill should beware of Corfu esrogim.

Following this, the Gaon Rabbi Yehoshu'ah of Kutno z.l. continued the correspondence with the Sage of Paltusk. Rabbi Yehoshu'ah was the father-in-law of Rav Waks. He acknowledged that esrogim from Corfu could be used for Succos, for "If Jews are not prophets, they are the sons of prophets."

Since great numbers of our people were using Corfu esrogim they must be all right. But, Rabbi Yehoshu'ah noted that there was too great a fondness for that product: "And I recall, that one year, when the esrogim from Corfu were far from distinguished,and many of them were outright possul according to the Din.

"And still the people wouldn't buy any other esrog, as if a voice from Heaven had announced that the esrog called for in the Torah is only the one that comes from the Jews' enemies dwelling on the island of Corfu. And there is no doubt that the great ones, and the tzaddikim who chose these (Corfu) esrogim did so because they were more mehudar, and not to cast doubt on all other esrogim. . . .

"But, not on account of these fools shall we humiliate our esrogim . . . And, in addition to all this, it is right and proper for the settlement of the land of Israel to say the blessing on Israeli esrogim. And the mitzvah is beautified by the mitzvah of loving the land of Israel, and the settlement of Israel, for in this way, men (over there) can earn a living." (Citations from Bromberg's study, Rabbi Eliezer HaCohen of Paltusk).

The Last Temptation of Christ:

Film raises dilemma for Jews

By
ELAINE KAHN

I like to think of myself as a movie buff, although I don't really qualify: I refuse to watch anything that has blood in it and prefer to avoid films too explicitly erotic because, quite frankly, I embarrass easily.

I call myself a movie buff because my idea of deprivation on vacation is a motel without cable, denying me the God-given right to stay up until morning watching old movies.

I so hate watching movie gore and torture that "is there violence?" is the only question my husband is asked when he suggests going to, or renting, a film. And it's an unfair question, because reviewers hardly ever mention it. It's a tough world.

This reviewers' lapse is how I was lured to a special screening of *The Last Temptation of Christ* — the cachet of "special screening" having nothing whatsoever to do with the appeal, of course.

The whole afternoon started badly when, following my mother-in-law's advice to please for once dress up, I heard three ushers snicker behind my back because, well, I sort of looked like Mary Magdalene in comparison to the fresh-scrubbed backyard barbecue couture of the rest of the audience.

As you know, this movie has made a lot of people angry, with its depiction of Jesus, in a fantasy sequence, as sexually involved with women, married, a father. As a Jew, this problem went right by me. What got me was the crick in my neck that developed because, for half of the movie, I had my eyes averted.

To shut out the gore. Should have brought earplugs, to block the screaming. Felt, at one point, like throwing up, but do have some dignity.

For any of you unfamiliar with the material, let me put it this way — the crucifixion is not a *Care Bears* movie.

Over dinner afterwards, not terribly hungry, I realized I was confronting the basic Christian story seriously for probably the first time, certainly for the first time as a conscious Jew. And it upset me. The Jews-not-for-Jesus portrayed in the movie were primitive and none too bright — a weak link in a survival of the more fit that would lead to embracing the new faith.

As a true believer in the desire and ability of Jews and Christians to live and work together and be genuine friends, I am not sure what to do with my new thoughts. What else can there be but eternal deep opposition, if each remains, at rock bottom, true to itself?

It reminded me of nothing so much as a recent evening spent with half a dozen people I like very much, none of whom share my belief in religious equality for Jewish women and most of whom work actively against it.

These are the times I would rather destroy the religious than the human relationships.

Which perhaps is all one can expect from someone who won't watch a movie she can't laugh at or hum along with.

As I always say, "you want me to pay $7 just to get scared?"

Bush's ethnic coalition loses 7 members

U.S. Jews welcome resignations

By
HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) — U.S. Jewish groups supported the recent resignation of seven members of Vice-President George Bush's ethnic coalition, but one Jewish leader said a Republican Party aide should not have had to do so for his 1971 compilation of data on Jews in the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The seven resignations began Sept. 8 with Jerome Brentar, co-chairman of the Coalition of American Nationalities, a campaign ethnic outreach committee, following a story by Larry Cohler in the Washington Jewish Week detailing the individuals in question.

Brentar has been active in groups that deny the Holocaust took place, including the Institute for Historical Review.

Then Frederic Malek resigned as deputy chairman of the Republican National Committee, following Washington Post revelations that he obeyed President Nixon's 1971 order to compile data on the number of Jews in the upper echelons of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

President Nixon reportedly had ordered Malek to do so out of a fear that Nixon was being hurt by a "Jewish cabal," who were damaging him politically by over-exaggerating the country's economic woes.

Stephen Silbiger, Washington representative of the American Jewish Congress, disputed Malek's contention that he was just following orders, saying that "is not an acceptable excuse in the Jewish community."

Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, defended Malek, saying he should not have been forced to resign. Foxman called Malek "a man with no record of bigotry."

Five others resigned early last week, while another, Radi Slavoff, resigned later. Slavoff, national co-chairman of Bulgarians for Bush, reportedly served in a national front aligned with Nazis, the New York Daily News reported.

Reacting to the resignations, Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis said in Chicago, "I think this raises continuous questions about Mr. Bush's judgment," the New Orleans Times-Picayune quoted him as saying.

"Matter is closed"

It raises questions about the way (Bush) makes his decisions, the people he picks, what he looks for," Dukakis reportedly said.

A Bush campaign spokesman, David Sandor, said that "the matter is closed and we are going on."

Foxman said that Bush's ethnic advisory panel has been purged of all "true-blue anti-semites" or supporters of Holocaust revisionists.

Besides Brentar and Slavoff, the five other ethnic committee members who resigned are:

- Florian Galdau, an honorary chairman of the panel and a Romanian Orthodox priest, who the Jewish Week said was a New York member of the Iron Guard, "wartime Romania's virulently anti-semitic, pro-Nazi movement."
- Philip Guarino, a Catholic priest who has been listed as a member of P-2, led by longtime fascist Licio Gelli.
- Laszlo Pasztor, a Hungarian American who, as a young man, allegedly served in Hungary's pro-Nazi, anti-semitic Arrow Cross regime as a junior envoy to Berlin, according to the Jewish Week.
- Ignatius Bilansky, president of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, who has been critical of the justice department's Office of Special Investigations, which investigates Nazi war criminals living in the United States.
- Bohdan Fedorak, a member of the Captive Nations Committee of Detroit, who is a leading critic of OSI.

Allan Ryan, director of OSI from 1980 to 1983, welcomed the resignations, and said they benefit OSI.

Ryan, now serving in the general counsel's office at Harvard University, said he gives Bush "credit for at least" taking that step. Ryan added that enlisting their support, especially Brentar's, was a "dreadful mistake."

Ryan called Brentar a "notorious outspoken critic of OSI" who "suggested that the whole effort to prosecute Nazi war criminals in this country is communist-inspired and illegitimate."

At the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, spokesman Kenneth Bandler said, "We are pleased that the Republican Party acted with speed in accepting the resignations of those individuals. However we are nevertheless disturbed that individuals with such tainted pasts gained those kinds of high positions."

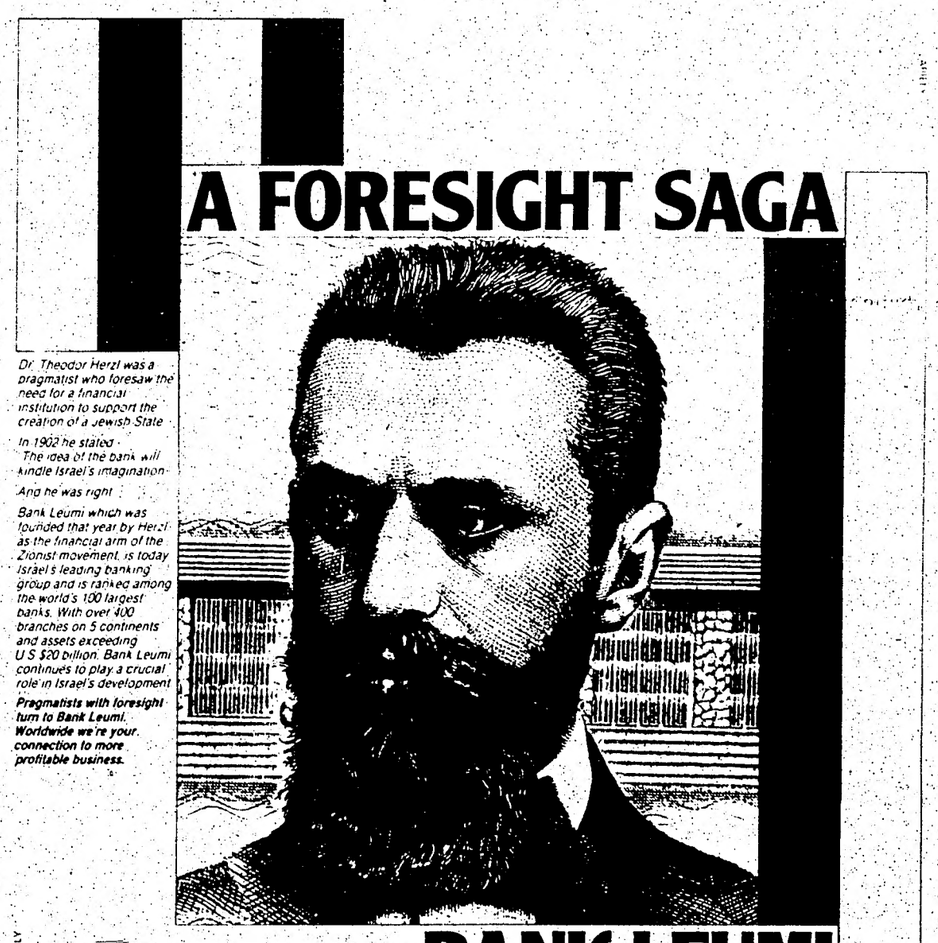
Population grows by 1.5% in Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel's population grew by just over 1.5% last year, reaching 4,455,000 at Rosh Hashanah, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced.

Eighty-two percent of the population is Jewish, the bureau noted.

Nearly 100,000 births were registered during the past year, of whom 73,000 were Jews.

New immigrants totaled about 13,000 in 5748, about 1,000 more than the previous year.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Reitman heads fact-finding trip to Israel

MONTREAL —

When Dorothy Reitman was elected president of Canadian Jewish Congress at the May 1986 Plenary Assembly one of her major objectives was to organize a fact-finding mission to Israel.

On Oct. 9 that goal will be realized.

"This is not a social trip," Reitman emphasized. "We are going on a mission to engage in dialogue and we hope to get more in-depth insight into current issues. I think it is important to return home with new strengths to deal with the matters at hand."

Joining Reitman on the mission will be several CJC officers, executive committee members and senior executive staff. The intensive week of activities will include a visit to Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, a day-long seminar at Ben-Gurion University in Beersheva and a military briefing at an army outpost along the northern border.

There will also be a meeting with Russian immigrants and a visit to an Ethiopian Jewry project.

One of the highlights of the mission will be the official presentation of CJC's long-awaited Holocaust Documentation Project to Yad Vashem. This 1-hour film, featuring interviews with Holocaust survivors now living in Canada, was begun several years ago with a federal multicultural grant.

It has been picked up by TVOntario and a number of CBC network affiliates. Screening dates have yet to be announced.

"I couldn't think of a more appropriate place to leave the first copy of this important film than Yad Vashem," said Reitman. "It really is something we can be very proud of."

Meetings with Israeli, Arab and Canadian journalists are planned. The conclusion of the trip will be a reception with the Canadian ambassador to Israel.

Shamir visits East Bloc country

Improved ties with Hungary seen

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Premier Yitzhak Shamir said last week that he expected full normalization of diplomatic relations with Hungary "soon," but he could not say when.

Shamir, the first Israeli Prime Minister to visit an East Bloc country other than Romania since the Six Day War, spoke to reporters on his return from a 2-day visit to Budapest. Although it was billed as a "private" visit, it included meetings with Prime Minister Karoly Grosz and Foreign Minister Peter Varkonyi.

Citing Grosz's high standing among the Soviet bloc leaders, Shamir said the Hungarian premier would be a source of information for them about Israel's positions on various matters.

"Hungarian Premier Grosz will tell (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev and others," Shamir said, referring to positions he had articulated in Budapest. He observed pointedly that the kremlin was "no longer putting out daily dogmatism" in its official references to Israel and the Middle East.

Shamir predicted the expansion and acceleration of trade and tourism between Hungary and Israel, saying their political differences would not stand in the way of improved bilateral relations.

As for future diplomatic ties, the Premier expects them, but the Hungarians have not set a time frame. At the moment, Israel and Hungary maintain interest sections in Budapest and Tel Aviv respectively, the lowest level of diplomatic contact between countries.

Shamir did not explicitly confirm reports that a direct air link would soon be established between Budapest and Tel Aviv. But he noted that 30,000 Israeli tourists visited Hungary last year.

Earlier, in a telephone interview with Israeli army radio from Budapest, Shamir disclosed that he had committed himself to sending teachers from Israel to the 80,000-strong Jewish community in Hungary, and to assisting the community in enhancing its cultural life.

He said the Hungarian authorities raised no objections.

Political observers here are intrigued by the thought processes in Budapest — and presumably in Moscow — behind the invitation to Shamir.

It can hardly have escaped the notice of the Communist leadership that the visit will boost Shamir's image as a statesman of moderation and wide international recognition during the final month of Israel's fiercely fought election campaign.

The Labor Party, for its part, must deduce, or at least ponder the thought, that there is sympathy in Budapest for Shamir and his Likud bloc.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, the Labor Party leader, noted somewhat lamely that he had been invited to Budapest two months ago.

The timing of Shamir's trip, just 46 days before the Knesset elections, cannot help but be seen here in the Israeli domestic political context as a diplomatic coup for Likud.

Anti-semitism said not factor in Mtl. fire

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Montreal Urban Community police have concluded that the Sept. 6 fire at the Poale Zedek Synagogue (CJN Sept. 15) was arson, but do not believe it was motivated by anti-semitism.

Investigators have changed their initial report that an "accelerant," such as gasoline, was used to start the fire.

John Dalzell, director of community relations for the police, told The Canadian Jewish News the latest report by the arson squad describes the act against the synagogue as "unsophisticated and unprofessional."

It is thought the fire was started by forcing open a casement basement window of the synagogue and throwing in paper or piece of garbage lit by a match or cigarette. The grating on the window had been broken, but Dalzell said that did not occur the night of the fire. It was apparently left unrepaired after an earlier break-in at the synagogue.

The window faces on a lane that is poorly lit and frequently piled with garbage, Dalzell said. It is believed juveniles who use the lane as a short cut started the fire as they passed by and doubt the arson was planned in advance. No suspects have been identified, he said, and it's not likely any ever will be.

Dalzell said initial information that the blaze was ignited with a rag soaked with gasoline or other flammable fluid was probably based on what firefighters on the scene surmised.

Dalzell added that the perpetrators probably did not realize the building was a synagogue, which is located in a commercial area, on St. Urbain St. near Jean Talon St. Dalzell said there are mostly factories nearby and few residences.

He said the area is deserted after 6 p.m. and vandalism against other buildings is frequent, occurring usually between 9 and 10 p.m. The synagogue fire broke out around 9.15 p.m.

There is no evidence the perpetrators entered the synagogue and apparently nothing was stolen.

Based on the latest information, Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region, issued a statement by its national chairman of security, Bernard Finestone.

"We have no reason to believe that there is any anti-semitic component to what appears, at this time, to be a simple act of random vandalism," Finestone said.

Nevertheless, CJC asked the MUC police to provide additional security to Jewish institutions during the holidays.

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Works by Gutman, Bukaee screened at Toronto festival

Two striking Israeli films explore effects of war

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

War has shaped and defined Israel, a nation under siege since its establishment 40 years ago.

It's not surprising, therefore, that Israeli writers and film directors have channeled so much of their imagination and creative talent into interpreting Israel's wars.

At the recent Festival of Festivals, which has become one of the most important cinematic events in the world, two Israeli pictures were screened. Not surprisingly, both dealt with that familiar Israeli topic — war.

Amos Gutman's **Himmo King of Jerusalem** *is a poignant love story leavened by prickly Sabra humor. It is set in the days just before and after May 14, 1948, when David Ben-Gurion, the first Prime Minister declared statehood.*

Rafi Bukaee's movie, **Avanti Popolo,** *takes place just after the Six Day War, in the vast desolation of the Sinai Peninsula, and zeroes in on two dazed Egyptian soldiers trying to find their way back to the Suez Canal. For once, war is glimpsed through the eyes of Arabs.*

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As **Himmo** opens, the camera follows Hamutal Horowitz (Alona Kimhi), a young, lovely Jewish woman who has volunteered to nurse wounded Israeli soldiers in a Jerusalem monastery that has been converted into a makeshift hospital.

In the distance, behind a hill, black smoke rises diagonally. The thud of artillery shells can be heard.

Hamutal walks purposefully to take up her assignment.

The director, Dr. Abayoff (Yossi Gerber), warns her to expect the worst. The soldiers in this ward have been wounded badly, and morale is down because water, food and drugs are in short supply. But Hamutal, a soft, dreamy type from Tel Aviv, has been hardened, her boyfriend having been killed recently.

The men take to Hamutal immediately. She is like a breath of fresh air. Franji (Amiran Gabriel) and Assa (Dov Navon) make friendly passes, but Hamutal's attention is claimed by Himmo (Ofer Shikartsi), who has been blinded and has lost three of his limbs.

Himmo lets out bloodcurdling screams at night and murmurs pathetically, "Shoot me, shoot me."

In time, Franji and Assa grow to resent Hamutal's affection for Himmo, whose condition constantly reminds them of the war raging outside.

Soldiers ham it up in Himmo King of Jerusalem.

Based on a best-selling novel by Yoram Kaniuk, *Himmo King of Jerusalem* **is autobiographical. Kaniuk was hospitalized in the basement of an Italian hospital after being wounded on Mt. Zion. Near him lay a soldier who had sustained grave wounds. The nurse who looked after him is the mother of Ehud Bleiberg, one of the producers.**

At times, the film is touching, particularly in a scene when the soldiers discuss death against the backdrop of what sounds like a Bach contata. The tension is invariably deflated by levity. For example: Clara (Aliza Rosen), the nun on the premises, watches in bemusement as the soldiers celebrate Israel's Declaration of Independence.

As they exultantly pour champagne on their bodies, she says sardonically: "Only Jews could bathe in champagne instead of drinking it."

The performances are sharp and to the point. But Gutman carries imagery too far when, in one of the final scenes, he pans on a little girl carrying an amputated doll down a corridor of the monastery.

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Avanti Popolo, which represented Israel in the foreign film category of the 1987 Academy Awards, is a tragicomedy which triggered much comment when it was released.

Critics appreciated it. At the International Film Festival in Locarno, Switzerland, it was awarded first prize. But in Israel, certain right-wing politicians, notably Ariel Sharon, the minister of industry and trade, objected to it on the grounds that it depicted Israeli soldiers as clumsy and arrogant.

In fact, Sharon's criticism is misplaced. The Israeli soldiers here, rather than being unrealistic conquering heroes, are ordinary human beings caught up in the painful grip of war.

Avanti Popolo, whose words are taken from a famous Italian revolutionary song which director Bukaee sang as a child in an Israeli youth movement, is set on June 11, 1967, shortly after a ceasefire takes hold on the Sinai front.

As the film opens, four Egyptian soldiers struggle across immense sand dunes, trying desperately to get out of harm's way. One of them is killed by a burst of shrapnel, and a second one dies in a stupid altercation, leaving Haled (Salim Daw) and Gassan (Suhel Hadad) to fend for themselves.

The picture, which was made under severe financial limitations, follows their somewhat surrealistic experiences in the scorching desert. Haled and Gassan, played by Israeli Christian Arabs, want to survive. They've done their duty and now survival is uppermost in their minds.

In the course of their wanderings, they run into a group of Israeli troops, they stumble upon a dead Swedish United Nations soldier whose jeep supplies them with whisky, they encounter a loutish British television correspondent and his impatient Israeli army escorts, and they meet a lost Israeli patrol.

In this sequence, Haled, a Shakespearean actor whose last role was that of Shylock in The Merchant of Venice, begs for water. In a soulful, rollicking rendition of Shylock's famous monologue, Haled impresses the Israelis enough for them to accede to his request.

Insistent on accompanying the incomprehending Israelis, the Egyptians camp out with them for one night in the desert. Human barriers fall as the Egyptians and Israelis reveal themselves to some extent. People are people, no matter what.

The film, far from being political, is a gentle, empathetic commentary about men under pressure and the ironies and waste inherent in war. It is, in short, a delight.

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

On Sept. 27, 1969, Geneva newspapers announced Israel's acquisition of Swiss plans for an advanced Mirage III jet engine. Revealed was an espionage coup of many ramifications.

Israeli hands piloted the slight Dassault delta-wing fighter into aviation history two years earlier. During the Six Day War, the French planes were used in accelerated relays to: destroy the bulk of hostile Arab and Egyptian aircraft on the ground; speedily dispose of the few that managed to take to the air; and provide devastating ground support for Israeli tank columns.

French president Charles de Gaulle, with commitments to Arab states and resentment against "a proud and arrogant people," refused to honor his country's contract to supply Israel with more aircraft afterwards. These were ordered to Israel's specifications before the war, clear weather versions with extra bomb and fuel capacity. Israel had paid France for 50 of the first production batch of 60 such aircraft. (France later sold more than 500 of them to other countries, including South Africa.)

The Soviet Union, meanwhile, began pouring advanced weaponry into the depleted armories of their Middle East clients until they were soon more of a threat than ever before.

Israel Aircraft Industries learned to modify and produce a heavier plane's body. There was no time or funds to develop a corresponding engine. The Swiss, impressed by the Mirage's wartime performance, ordered them for their own forces. The low profile Swiss weapons industry was acknowledged as Europe's leader in certain fields of expertise. Sulzer Brothers of Winterthur developed a special engine to cope with the country's mountainous terrain. Its much improved rate of climb to shorten takeoff distance, made it ideal for Israel's needs. An official bid for the top secret unit proved fruitless.

Key man found

With the techniques developed that lured an Iraq pilot and his new Mig 21 to Tel Aviv, the Mossad located a key man at Sulzer willing to supply Israel with blueprints for the engine. Engineer Alfred Frauenknecht was one of a number of Switzerland's Roman Catholic minority who, remorseful for his country's anti-semitic stance during the Holocaust, sympathized with the beleagured Jewish state. He was also open to being paid for his clandestine efforts.

Frauenknecht began to deliver the blueprints in mid-1968. These detailed the composition, manufacture, and assembly of every part of the engine, from screw to housing. They were supposed to be destroyed by Sulzer after use. Instead, Frauenknecht set aside the documents for regular pickup outside the factory–by van. They were driven to waiting Israelis in West Germany.

Spirited away in 20 consignments was a total of over two tons of documents.

Frauenknecht was soon caught by his country's security service. He confessed to having received some $200,000. A federal tribunal sentenced him to 4½ years imprisonment for what the judge described as "the worst case of espionage in Switzerland since World War II." The Israeli military attache in Switzerland was expelled.

The Israelis had their plans now, for which retooling at IAI would pose no serious problem. There were larger ramifications:

- Israel entered the forefront of countries able to manufacture advanced conventional weapons.
- Israeli diplomacy was compelled to meet unprecedented challenges.
- Her espionage ability in Western Europe, in matters regarding her own security, was catapulted into international recognition.
- This coup provided confidence for the subsequent spiriting away from Cherbourg of the five state-of-the-art patrol boats that de Gaulle had also refused to release to Israel after payment.
- In military diplomacy, Israel's possession of the Swiss plans were of at least indirect aid in receiving alternate arms from the U.S., the McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom fighter and its J79 turbojet. The latter, at 17,000 pounds of thrust, was considerably more powerful than the Swiss engine. Israel mated the J79 to her version of the Mirage to produce the Kfir, her own modern jet fighter.

A small state in the Middle East was now regarded as a big player on the world stage.

Beth Tzedec members meet with McDougall

Ottawa urged to act on Refuseniks

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —
Members of Beth Tzedec Synagogue want the Canadian government to pressure Soviet officials for the immediate release of all long-term Refuseniks whose Refusal is based on "non-existent" knowledge of state secrets.

Fifteen congregants — including members of a recent fact-finding mission to the USSR — recently met with Employment and Immigration Minister Barbara McDougall, asking her to convey the message to the Canadian government.

During the private 1-hour breakfast meeting, congregants also said they wanted the Canadian government to request the granting of exit visas to four remaining former Prisoners of Conscience who were imprisoned for demanding the right of Jews to go to Israel and study Hebrew.

Shul members also told McDougall they want Soviet officials to accept applications from people who at present cannot apply for exit visas because immediate relatives refuse to sign waivers releasing them of financial obligations.

"We were very pleased with the meeting," said Soviet Jewry activist Genya Intrator, who made the main presentation to McDougall.

"The minister was very attentive to our requests."

Intrator, the shul's Soviet Jewry co-chairman, said McDougall was invited to meet with congregants because Beth Tzedec is situated in her St. Paul riding.

The event was a "preliminary" meeting, and congregants are preparing a brief which they plan to submit to McDougall, identifying key areas of concern in Soviet Jewry.

Intrator, who led the shul's 15-member delegation to Moscow, Kiev and Leningrad in May, said the brief will contain biographies and photos of Refuseniks they met during their trip, as well as recommendations on action the Canadian government should take.

Beth Tzedec recently decided to espouse the cause of all Soviet Jewish families who have been refused because of alleged secrecy, instead of adopting a single Refusenik family, which is the usual practice of synagogues.

It is believed to be the first time a shul in Canada has adopted such a strategy, Intrator said.

At the recent meeting with McDougall, congregants — including members of the shul's Soviet Jewry committee and other Beth Tzedec executives — also asked the Canadian government to pressure Soviets to allow:

- Second generation members of Refusenik families to leave;
- Separated families to be reunited; and
- The legalization of the Hebrew language, study of Jewish traditions and the practice of religion.

Dr. Sam Spivak, who was a member of the fact-finding mission, said he also suggested the Canadian embassy in Moscow could play a more important role in helping Refuseniks.

The Embassy's doors are not open like the Dutch and U.S. embassies which invite Refuseniks to seders and cultural events, the dentist said.

Toronto lawyer Barney Dales, a Beth Tzedec past president, read the names of 15 Refuseniks who had their classification of possessing state secrets lifted at least eight years ago, but still have not been granted exit visas. The list included Moscow Refuseniks Yuli Kosharovsky and Vladimir Kislik.

Dales' wife, Brenda, a businesswoman, told The CJN the Beth Tzedec group wants to meet with External Affairs Minister Joe Clark and Soviet ambassador to Canada Alexei Rodionov on the issue of Soviet Jews.

Intrator said the group also invited McDougall to return at a later date for a public meeting with the rest of the congregation and other interested community members.

McDougall, who agreed to return, told the group she will consult Clark on their Soviet Jewry concerns.

Ian Sadinsky, communications advisor to the minister, said McDougall has indicated support for the group's requests and will be taking action on their behalf.

McDougall is a member of the Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry. Last year, she won the Ida Nudel Humanitarian Award.

Beth Tzedec's recent meeting with her included the shul's Max Milstone, Soviet Jewry co-chairman; Marvin Miller, president; and Anna Spivak, a congregation member.

Speakers included Intrator, Brenda and Barney Dales, board member Sorrell Gwartzman, Sam Spivak and Rabbi J. Dr. Benjamin Friedberg.

Employment and Immigration Minister Barbara McDougall meets with Marvin Miller (left) and Dr. Sam Spivak.

Greater embassy role urged

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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ZWICKEL

Max Zwickel, of London, Ont., in a nostalgic letter rekindled fond memories of our association as teenagers.

His unusual surname may come from one of two sources. The likelihood is that it comes from the Polish word CWIKLA (pronounced TZVIKLA), which means "beet" and therefore fits into the class of vegetables names like the German

Seler	— celery
Arbes	— peas
Kohl	— cabbage
Knobel	— garlic
Linsen	— lentils

and the Slavonic

Pasternak	— parsnips
Krupnik	— barley.

I should also point out that in German ZWICKEL means a wedge for splitting wood, but it is unlikely that it would yield a surname.

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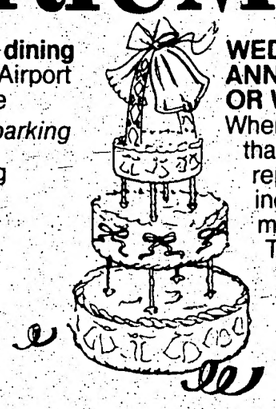

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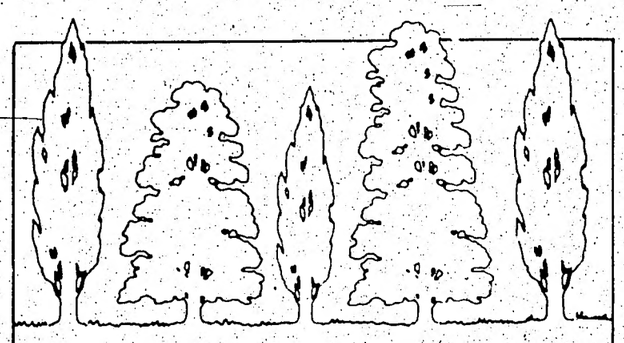

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Frightening portraits of powerful hatreds

There are powerful hatreds gestating in certain pockets of North American society. And as has happened so often in the past, the Jewish people has become a target for so many of them.

A recent film and a newly published book by an ex-member of The Order highlight the chilling reality of the anti-semitic lunatic fringe and the threat which it poses to democracy on this continent.

Deborah Winger and Tom Berenger in the film *Betrayed* have succeeded in creating a frightening portrait of the Jew-hating white supremacist in America's farming heartland.

This "factional" work of cinema is a reflection not of some film writer's imagination but an artistic response to newspaper exposure given in recent years to the hate groups which have grown in size and virulence in the wake of the farm bankruptcies of the mid 1980s.

Not all purveyors of anti-semitism, however, come from the agricultural belt. Thomas Martinez and his literary collaborator, John Guinther, explain in their book *Brotherhood of Murder* (McGraw Hill) that middle class city people can also be drawn into the noxious circle of the hatemongers.

In his autobiography Martinez describes how his frustration with school, with religion, with the army and with unemployment drove him into membership with almost every white racist organization in the United States.

These groups, according to Martinez, promoted anti-semitism as an explanation for the success of American Blacks. To white racists Black success is a Jewish plot to undermine Aryan Christian civilization.

The film and the book show that white supremacists, fueled by fanatical hatreds, are prepared to rob and murder in the pursuit of their goals. While the venue in the film and the book is the United States, Canadians cannot afford to be smug. We have our own home grown (as well as imported) racist agitators to contend with.

Herbert von Karajan doesn't face the music

Music lovers with a sense of historical proprieties and ethical sensitivity will have a problem relating to the recent release of *Herbert von Karajan: The First Recordings* (Deutsche Grammophon) featuring the music of the eminent conductor from 1938 to 1942.

The problem, of course, is that von Karajan, the internationally renowned director of the Berlin Philharmonic who is now celebrating his 80th birthday and 50 years of recording activity — joined the Nazi Party with, what appears in retrospect, indecent haste.

Will Crutchfield reports in The New York Times (Aug. 28) that von Karajan asserts that joining the party was a routine requirement for taking the musical directorate in Aachen in 1935.

According to the Times article, however, "the archives show, to the contrary, that he joined the party in his hometown of Salzburg on April 8, 1933, with no immediate career change in view." The conductor has asserted that the documentation is false but he has not pursued the matter.

While debate over the date of von Karajan's membership in the Nazi Party may be problematic, there is no doubt that in 1943 he came to Amsterdam to conduct the Concertgebouw Orchestra in an ambitious series of recordings.

Von Karajan's arrival in Amsterdam to conduct the collaborationist orchestra coincided with a tragic entry in Anne Frank's diary about the surrender of Italy and with the German authorities instituting "Operation Silver Fir" which called for the assassination of three Dutch civilians for every Nazi shot by the resistance fighters.

Says journalist Crutchfield of von Karajan: "One can say that very early on, he saw fit to make himself persona grata with a movement that was already in the business of displacing Jewish musicians — some of them conductors whose continued activity in Germany and Austria might have slowed somewhat the ascent of 'Das Wunder Karajan.'

"It is quite likely that nothing worse than blind careerism lay behind the conductor's party membership; still, even in a civilized regime that is not a very admirable trait . . . One searches in vain for any sign that his soul was troubled."

We, alas, cannot relate to Herbert von Karajan's early recordings without our soul being troubled.

Newly ordained Rabbi Elaine Zecher (left) and her sister Rabbi Deborah Zecher.

Doctors' Plot figure tells story

THE JEWISH WORLD

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

In a sign of the times, the memoirs of Dr. Yakov Rapoport have been published in the Soviet Union.

Rapoport, 90, is a survivor par excellence — one of the victims of the infamous Doctors' Plot.

Recently, his first-hand account of those ugly events — which unleashed disbelief, panic and foreboding among Soviet Jews — appeared in the monthly magazine Druzhba. Like a barometer of *glasnost*, Rapoport's memoirs are yet another indicator that, under the reform-minded leadership of Mikhail Gorbachev, the logjam of lies, half-truths and distortions about the past are finally being broken up.

As Rapoport put it in an interview, "The generations that follow must know about this."

The Doctors' Plot, the last tyrannical outburst of the autocratic Stalin regime, unfolded and climaxed in the early months of 1953.

On Jan. 13, Pravda and Radio Moscow disclosed that a "conspiracy" against the government had been "unmasked." The report said: "Some time ago the organs of state security uncovered a terrorist group of doctors whose goal was to shorten the lives of active statesmen of the Soviet Union by means of sabotage in the course of medical treatment."

In an ominous twist, the report went on to say that "most of the participants in the terrorist group were connected with the international Jewish bourgeois nationalist organization, the Joint (American Joint Distribution Committee), established by American intelligence... to conduct extensive espionage terrorist, and other subversive work in many countries, including the Soviet Union."

Tass, in a subsequent commentary, observed that "these killer doctors" and "scum of the earth" were "mercenary agents of a foreign power."

Of the nine eminent doctors implicated in the so-called plot, six were Jews, and Rapoport was one of them. Rapoport, a pathologist and a member of the Communist Party, was arrested along with his colleagues and taken to a cell in Lefortovo prison.

Interrogations lasted day and night. He acknowledged his involvement in such "Jewish bourgeois nationalist" acts as protesting quotas that barred young Jews from higher education. But he was bewildered and frightened by accusations that he had been a participant in the "terrorist plot."

Suddenly, after the death of Stalin in March of that fateful year, the questioning took a different turn. Now Rapoport's new interrogator commiserated with his wan appearance. And he asked him to "please forget what happened during the investigation."

Shortly afterward, he was released from Lefortovo.

At the height of the hysteria, Soviet-Israel relations plummeted. On Jan. 19, Israel's foreign minister, Moshe Sharett, condemned the witch hunt. On Feb. 9, a bomb exploded in the courtyard of the Soviet embassy in Ramat Gan, wounding four members of the staff. Although Israel apologized, the Soviet Union, in a huff, broke relations.

Campaign against Israel

Moscow initiated a press campaign against Israel, and one hyperventilating commentator wrote: "The pack of mad dogs from Tel Aviv is loathsome and vile in its thirst for blood."

Within about a month of Stalin's death, the climate changed. In a remarkable admission, Pravda said the doctors were not guilty and revealed that the instigators of the arrests had been arrested. In July, Moscow restored ties with Jerusalem.

According to one interpretation, the Doctors' Plot may well have been part of Stalin's plan for a purge of the Soviet leadership. In his speech to the Twentieth Party Congress in 1956, the secretary-general of the Communist Party, Nikita Khrushchev, blamed the Doctors' Plot on Stalin, but ignored its anti-semitic dimensions. In a speech last autumn, Gorbachev paid fleeting notice to the notorious conspiracy. He, too, deleted references to its anti-Jewish aspects.

FAMILY TIES

Americans whose relatives arrived in the U.S. through Ellis Island, in New York harbor, will be able to trace their family history thanks to a new computer capable of storing the names of 17 million immigrants.

It will be housed in a renovated museum on Ellis Island scheduled to open next year. The computer, which will display 15 types of information, including the name of the immigrant and his ship, as well as the date of arrival and the country of origin, will be ready for use in 1992.

In a related development, divers have begun efforts to refloat a ferry that carried most of the immigrants from Ellis Island to New York and New Jersey. The vessel sank in 1968, 14 years after it was decommissioned.

SISTER TEAM

Six years after her ordination as a rabbi, Deborah Zecher's sister, Elaine, has been ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

As far as anyone knows, the pair comprise the first sister team of rabbis.

The sisters come from a traditional family in Pittsburgh, where their father is general manager of the local Jewish newspaper, the Jewish Chronicle.

Elaine has found a job as program director of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Boston. Deborah is the associate rabbi and educational director of Westchester Reform Temple in Scarsdale.

JEWISH MARRIAGES

A study prepared by Michael Rappeport and Gary Tobin for a Jewish federation in New Jersey suggests that the majority of Jewish men and women meet each other through friends and family, with a minority having met at work or at school.

However, Jewish couples with household incomes above $40,000 a year are twice as likely to have met at school than those with incomes under $40,000.

The authors found that wealthy Jews (with incomes of over $100,000 annually) are extremely unlikely to meet in public places.

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AIDS & CIRCUMCISION

Although circumcision has become the most common surgical procedure in the U.S., it has produced sharp differences among doctors.

As a result of the confusion, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports, a growing number of Jewish and non-Jewish parents are choosing not to have their sons circumcised.

Having taken note of the controversy, the American Academy of Pediatrics has initiated its first review of the issue since 1971.

Dr. Aaron Fink, a semi-retired urologist living in California, claims that the anti-circumcision campaign is ill-conceived. He contends that circumcision can reduce the chances of contracting AIDS because the inner layer of the foreskin is delicate and vulnerable to tiny skin breaks through which infection can enter the body.

Fink says that an article in a 1987 edition of the New England Journal of Medicine states that uncircumcised males are 9.5 times more likely to develop AIDS after exposure to the virus than circumcised males.

Opinion

His is not a typical opera success story

Yankees pitching staff greatest worry for Merrill

GERRY MORRIS, The CJN's critic of New York plays, brings us another of his interviews with a showbiz celebrity. Gerry is a member of the Outer Critics Circle, Drama Desk and American Theatre Critics Association.

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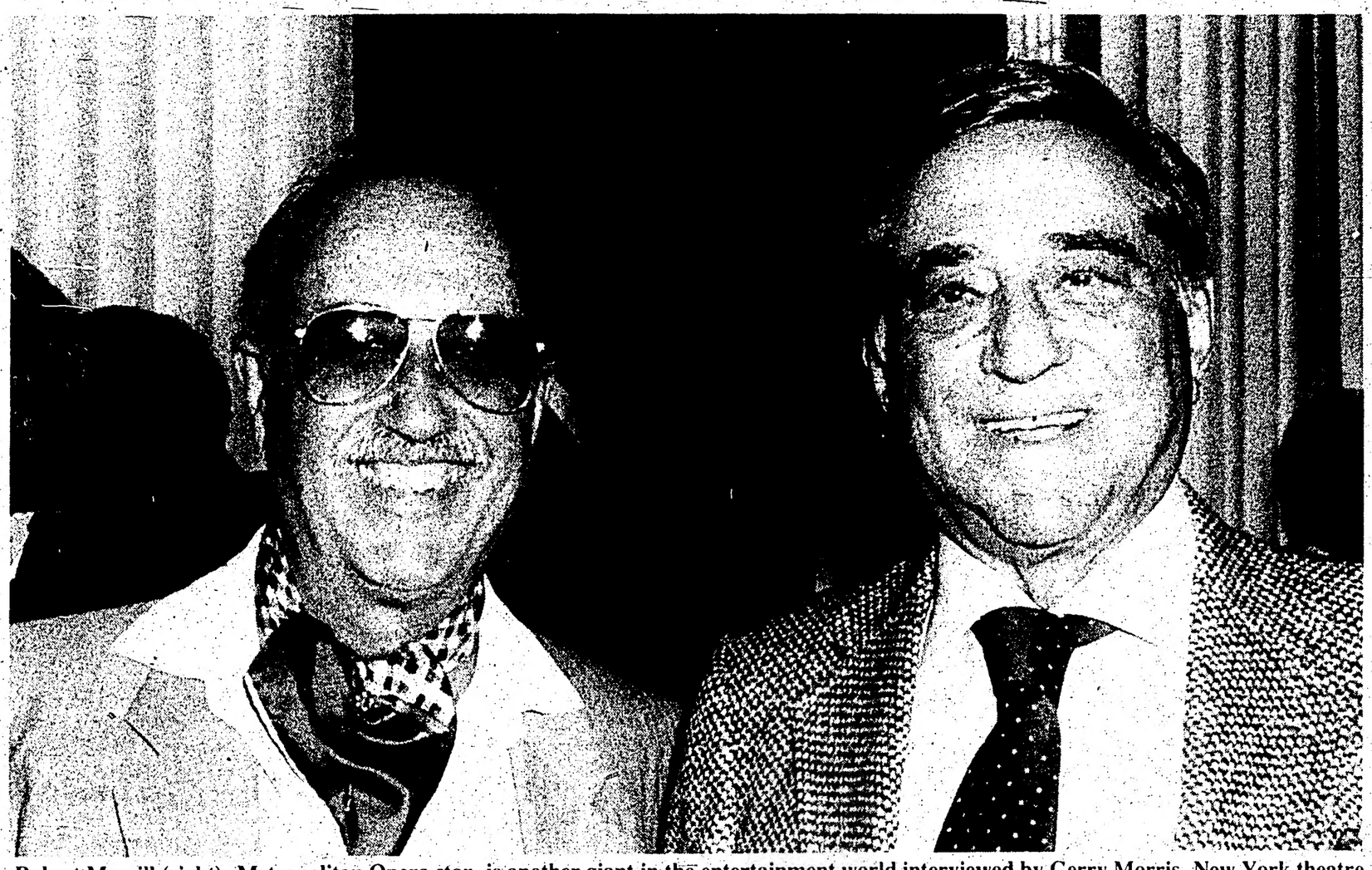

Robert Merrill (right), Metropolitan Opera star, is another giant in the entertainment world interviewed by Gerry Morris, New York theatre critic for The Canadian Jewish News.

NEW YORK —

A man who can deliver a fast-breaking ball or an aria from *La Traviata* with equal facility has the rare and double-barrelled talents of a Robert Merrill. Almost as well known at Yankee Stadium as he is in the Mecca of the music world, he joyfully retains his boyhood love for the game of baseball.

His is not a typical opera success story. Bob Merrill's first ambition was to be a pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Growing up on sandlots in Bensonhurst (Brooklyn), he was always waiting for a baseball scout to catch his act. One finally did.

"I got so nervous I walked three guys in a row," he recalled. "Leo Durocher, then with the Dodgers, watched me for a while and put his hand on my shoulder. 'Sorry sonny,' he said. I guess somebody up there was trying to tell me to listen to my mother. She always said my future was singing."

Robert Merrill, born Moishe Miller, tells the story of how early in his career he was performing in *La Traviata* in Brooklyn when his old baseball buddies came to see the production: "These guys didn't know from opera and seeing me in the long beard, they yelled, 'Hey Moishe! Whattayuh wit ta beard, hey Moishe, yuh gotta be kiddin!'

"It was," Merrill said, "one of the great days of my life."

These and many more stories he recounted to me ("just call me Bob, none of that Mr. Merrill stuff") in his 10-room English-Tudor house, situated on 1½ meticulously manicured tree-lined acres in New Rochelle, NY.

At 70 and as fit as a Stradivarius, he swims in his indoor pool, walks three miles daily, and plays a great game of golf; he also has strong ideas about physical fitness and nutrition ("I'm ¾ vegetarian — I eat fish").

Still retaining much of his matinee idol persona, he lives with Marion, his wife of 34 years, a concert pianist who frequently plays for him in recitals. (They have two children who joined him on television when he was named Father of the Year in 1983.)

He evokes a strange ingenuous, boyish quality which leaves the impression that even after all these years, his upward mobility still seems to awe him.

Reliving his childhood passion for baseball, Bob is a unequivocal Yankee fan. And fan is an understatement. He's at most home games and has been part of the Yankee organization longer than almost anybody in the joint. He and his wife ("she's a bigger ball fan than I am") sit in owner George Steinbrenner's box. "George has quite a sense of humor," Merrill said. "He recently sent me a note: 'I've decided to send you to San Diego. Your option is up — we're trading you for two tenors to be named at a later date.' "

In fact, Steinbrenner gave Bob his own pinstripes, with the number 1½ on the back, that he proudly donned when the Yankee boss actually instructed him to manage an Old Timers' game a few years ago ("Imagine me managing Di Maggio!").

"Every time Manager Lou Piniella sees me, he says, 'Hey! How are you Mr. 1½?' " said Merrill proudly, adding, "Two years ago, I threw out the first ball of the season and I wore the uniform. That may have been one of the biggest thrills I've ever had. Now I've sung for royalty, I sang for nine Presidents, but getting on that mound and throwing that ball in Yankee Stadium — I was more nervous than anything I've ever done because I wanted to throw it straight. It was a little wild, but the catcher, Butch Wynegar, caught it."

Robert Merrill dropped out of high school to help support his family; he also stammered and was as bashful as the Disney dwarf. "When I heard people applaud, it changed my personality completely." As a child, he landed a job on a kiddie show at a radio station, imitating his idol, Bing Crosby. In his own words, he was "a fat, 14-year-old boy, lowering my eyelids, romatically crooning *I Surrender Dear* and *Just One More Chance*."

His first real job after winning the Major Bowes Amateur Hour was in a burlesque house in Philadelphia. Billed as "the Star Spangled Baritone" because he had recorded the national anthem, Merrill appeared right after the striptease, singing *Hats Off To MacArthur*, a song he had bought from a publisher for 75 cents. That's how his career started.

Around this time, his mother Lillian, a frustrated soprano, tried to nudge her son into an operatic career, away from his endearing world of baseball and pop music. She took him to a private tutor, Samuel Margolies, and Bob came out of the audition with what amounted to a scholarship. Meantime, according to Merrill, his father, unaware of his new direction, asked where he was going each week. "To take a voice lesson," Merrill replied. "What's the matter, can't you talk?" asked the old man, in a heavy Polish accent.

How did seeing his first Metropolitan Opera affect him? With a grin, he replied, "I sat in the peanut gallery for *Il Trovatore* at the old Met. I was in another world hearing those glorious voices soar to this vast roof as high as the Ebbett's Field bleachers. I'll never forget it. Mr. Margolies asked me what I thought. I said, 'I think I can sing louder than the baritone.' I didn't say better, just louder."

Merrill says he got his musical passion from his mother. ("My mother didn't really teach me, she just inspired me.") She constantly played Caruso, he said, though no one in his neighborhood had ever heard of him. "Caruso was long-hair stuff and suspiciously sissy. I tried to sing like him. I'd close all the windows so no one could hear me."

His father spent his life hunched over a piece of cloth in a sweatshop. "There was something classical about him," said Bob. "I adored his simple values and his wonderful sense of humor. His tailor's fingers made it possible for me to see the Dodgers play.

"Boy scouts were permitted into Ebbett's Field once a week," he continued. "But who could afford to be a Boy Scout? 'Pop,' I said one day, 'I want to go.' So my father found fabric that matched the Scout uniforms and knocked off one to fit me. My brother Gil and I became instant Scouts all the way down to the long green stockings." Thereafter, when the bus came, Merrill hopped on board, along with the other Scouts, and no one was the wiser.

By his early 20s, he'd become a product of the show business Depression years: bar mitzvahs, weddings, Catskill floor shows, frequently playing straight man to such semi-unknowns as Red Skelton and Danny Kaye. His "tour de force" was Figaro from the *Barber of Seville*. "It paid the bills until I got to the Met."

In the Catskills, Red Skelton's big act was his "dunking doughnuts," and one night, Merrill recalled, two of the props disappeared. 'I was always hungry in those days," he said, along with a big belly laugh, "so I downed the two doughnuts. Now, Red came down a half-hour before the show and went crazy! He screamed, 'Where are my two doughnuts? Damn it! Who got the doughnuts?' Time passed and years later I'm doing a Red Skelton television show. I told him the truth and he says, 'You son of a gun, you were the guy!' "

Along the way, his golden voice came to the attention of agent Moe Gale, who cautiously orchestrated Bob's steady climb to prominence from vaudeville and Jewish theatre to the Met. In 1945, he won the Metropolitan Opera Auditions of the Air, was signed to an RCA contract and subsequently starred in the radio show Music America Loves Best.

Verdi's *La Traviata* provided the springboard to stardom. In 1945, at age 26, Merrill made his hard-earned Metropolitan Opera debut in *La Traviata*, singing the role of the elder Germont, the youngest artist then ever to sing this role at the Met. The crowd went wild. In warm recollection he said, "Licia Albanese who played Violetta couldn't have been nicer to the terrified kid from Brooklyn who had ridden the subway to his Met debut."

After the show, as white-gloved, top-hatted guests celebrated with champagne, Merrill's father took him aside and said, "I still don't think it's steady work. It's not a trade."

That same year, he hit a grand slam in *Traviata* under the baton of that fabulous tyrant, Arturo Toscanini. The young star's prize: a long term contract with the Met.

Then his life hit a few snags. Snakecharmed by Paramount Pictures to make a film called *Aaron Slick from Pumkin Crick*, he had the unique distinction of being the first singer in Met memory to be fired during the season for jumping his contract. (Needless to say, the title says it all.) After the cinematic debris disappeared, his leading lady, Dinah Shore, went back to radio and he returned to New York.

Following a period of painful repentance, he wrote a letter of apology to Rudolf Bing, the head of the Met, and was accepted back.

Another big strikeout was his 10-week marriage to beautiful coloratura soprano Roberta Peters in 1952. "It was nobody's fault," he told me. "Two opera singers under one roof is one too many."

In a 32-year career at the Met Merrill sang all the great composers, but his heart belongs to Verdi. Often characterized as a Verdi baritone, he makes it perfectly clear that "if not for Verdi I wouldn't be in business." on the 25th anniversary of his debut (1970), the Met staged a gala production of *La Traviata*, with Joan Sutherland. Rudolf Bing introduced on stage 17 of the sopranos who had sung Violetta with Merrill over the years.

Backstage after the show, one of his favorite fans came to congratulate him. "With guards around her, Golda Meir gave me a big hug. She said 'What's a nice Jewish boy like you doing in a place like this?' Now two years later, I'm in Israel to celebrate its 25th anniversary. After my performance, we meet at a party. The setting was the magnificent Tower of David. I embrace Mrs. Meir and say, 'What's a nice Jewish girl like you doing in a place like this?' "

By the time Merrill retired from the Met in 1977, he had many memories, most moving and funny. A few that came to mind during our interview:

• There were the many times that Richard Tucker, his bosom buddy, and Merrill tried to break each other up on stage. "One night during a performance of *Forza del Destino*, I opened a box which is supposed to have a portrait of my sister in it. Instead Tucker had replaced it with the most pornographic picture I've ever seen! I missed a few lines and looked into the wings, and he and the stage hands were doubled up with laughter."

• It seems people often thought Tucker and Merrill were related. "I just saw your brother-in-law in *Carmen* was a typical comment. Richard Tucker was married to Jan Peerce's sister, which also confused the public.

• According to Merrill, Jan Peerce was another jokester. "One night in *Traviata*, he's the lover Alfredo and his love is dying slowly of TB and he's hysterical. I'm his father, and I put my arm on his shoulder, and he looks at me and says, 'If this dame doesn't kick the bucket soon, I'll miss the 11.15 to New Rochelle.' "

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A multi-media star long before Domingo and Pavarotti were appearing in movies or concerts, Merrill was once offered plum roles in Broadway's original *Guys and Dolls* and *The King and I*. He turned them down.

"How could you leave a Metropolitan Opera?" he said. "My ambitions and my life were at the Met. That's what I loved."

Eventually in the summer off-season, he toured the country playing Tevye in *Fiddler On The Roof*, a role he still considers as great as any operatic role. Then the offer to appear with the great Louis Armstrong lured him to Vegas for some of the big bucks.

He keeps busy with recitals and concert appearances with symphonies around the country. "You know the biggest pleasure in my life right now," he said, "is that I can pick my engagements. Freedom of choice is a wonderful thing."

He's also proud of the Anti-Defamation League's Man of the Year Award, which Frank Sinatra presented to him.

This season marks the 18th year he has sung the National Anthem at Yankee opening home games. (He once figured out that he has sung the anthem over 600,000 times, either live or on Movietone News recordings which played it before every movie for years). His wife once exclaimed, "and you'll keep singing it till you get it right." You'd think that the famous Star Spangled baritone wouldn't have any trouble remembering the lyrics. "I'll never forget the time I sang it on a gala for President Kennedy," he said, "and Jack Benny whispered to me 'don't blow the words like Bob Goulet did.' I drew a blank on 'the rocket's red glare,' but I rattled the mike so they'd think it was a bad connection."

On the home front, Merrill leads a quiet life — even sings in the shower. "Where else can I sing tenor arias?" He belongs to Temple Israel in New Rochelle, NY and is one of the town's most popular and respected citizens and was recently asked to consider a "Merrill for Mayor" candidacy.

"You have an ego," explained Merrill, "but after all the bravos and opening nights, if you go home and you're alone, who did you do it for but yourself. It's fine. But it's not enough. My wife Marion being a good musician gave me a lot of courage backstage. She's the closest friend I have."

With such a charmed life, what's his greatest worry? "The Yankees pitching staff," he replied.

Merrill's association with the Yankee boss reaches beyond the confines of Yankee Stadium. In 1987 Bob performed at Carnegie Hall under the baton of Maestro George Steinbrenner, who in a switch-hitting role conducted the New York Pops.

Opinion

Researcher tells of upheavals whose aftershocks still affect region profoundly

Palestine refugee problem born of war, not by design

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Arab refugees flee their homes.

In 1947, just as serious fighting between Jews and Arabs got under way, some 1.2 million Arabs lived in Palestine. When the dust had settled, two years later, many of their settlements had been emptied and a gnawing Palestinian refugee problem had been created.

This problem, which encompassed from 600,000 to 760,000 Palestinians, remains a running sore on the body politic of the Middle East.

It can safely be said that, unless it is solved satisfactorily, no end in sight can be forecast for the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Needless to say, the cause of the Palestinians' flight is open to endless debate. The Israeli version of events is that the Arabs fled voluntarily and/or that they were asked and/or ordered to do so by their leaders and Arab states. According to the Arab side, the Palestinians were expelled by Israel in a predetermined plan.

Benny Morris, the diplomatic correspondent of The Jerusalem Post, believes that the truth, as is usually the case, lies somewhere between these competing claims.

In his masterfully-researched book, *The Birth of the Palestinian Refugee Problem, 1947-1949 (Cambridge University Press, $39.50)*, he observes:

"The... refugee problem was born of war, not by design, Jewish or Arab. It was largely a by-product of Arab and Jewish fears and of the protracted, bitter fighting that characterized the first Israeli-Arab war; in smaller part, it was the deliberate creation of Jewish and Arab military commanders and politicians."

Morris' study, which is based on recently declassified Israeli, British and American documents (he had no access to Arab archives), analyzes the various phases of the Palestinian exodus and examines Israel's ultimate decision not to let the refugees return to their towns, villages and cities.

He writes dispassionately of the wholesale upheavals whose aftershocks still affect the region profoundly.

During the initial stage, from December of 1947 to March of 1948, the spiral of violence precipitated mass flights by the Palestinian middle and upper middle class from such urban centres as Haifa, Jaffa and Jerusalem. These, in turn, triggered the flight of rural Palestinians from the coastal plain (from Tel Aviv to Hadera) and the partial evacuation of the Jezreel and Jordan valleys.

One reason for their hasty departure was attacks or fear of attacks by Jewish military forces — the ideologically mainstream Haganah, the rightist Irgun Zvai Leumi (under the command of Menachem Begin) and the radical right Lohamei Herut Yisrael (of which the present Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir, was a key member.)

A form of mass hysteria which affected Arab civilians was also part of the equation. Thinking that the Jews were very strong and that the Arabs were weak, Arab self-confidence was badly shaken.

Morris claims that only a negligible number of refugees fled as a direct result of Jewish expulsion orders or forceful "advice" to do so. As he puts it: "Neither the Yishuv (the Jewish community in Palestine), the Palestine Arab leadership nor the Arab states during these months had a policy of removing or moving the Arabs out of Palestine..."

The few expulsions that took place, he adds, were dictated by Haganah "strategic considerations."

The author has determined that Arab reactions were confused and uncoordinated — mirroring the confusion and lack of cooperation between Arab states, the Arab Higher Committee (a representative body of Palestinians), Arab foreign volunteers and local Arab leaders.

Most of the evacuees, he notes, never thought of permanent exile. They expected eventual Arab victory.

During the second phase, from April to June of 1948, the Yishuv seemed to have its back to the wall. Politically, the U.S. appeared to be backtracking from its earlier commitment to support a Jewish state. In November of 1947, Washington had voted in favor of the United Nations Palestine partition plan. But now, the U.S. seemed disposed toward an extension of great power rule in Palestine. Militarily, the Arab campaign to block Jewish traffic along the roads was slowly strangling Jewish towns and threatening outlying, rural settlements.

Given these circumstances, the Hagnanah formulated *tochnit Dalet* (plan D), a blueprint for securing the emergent Jewish state before the expected onslaught by regular Arab armies (which in fact occurred after Israel's proclamation of statehood in mid-May.)

Under plan D, David Ben-Gurion — the would-be-Prime Minister — and the Haganah general staff approved a series of offensives in Haifa, Jaffa, and the eastern and western portions of the Galilee to secure rear areas of the Jewish state and its main roads.

Plan, D, Morris says, was not intended to facilitate the expulsion of Arabs, but was governed by military considerations. In practice, however, plan D meant the depopulation and destruction of villages that were home to hostile militias and irregular forces. "...the doctrinal underpinning of plan D was taken for granted by the majority of Haganah commanders at this crucial juncture of the war... The gloves had to be, and were, taken off."

In his view, the joint Irgun-Lohamei Herut Yisrael assault on Deir Yassin, a generally non-belligerent village near Jerusalem, probably had the most devastating effect in triggering the flight of Palestinians. Approximately 250 Arabs, mostly non-combatants, were murdered in this savage attack that included cases of mutilation and rape.

Morris points out that there is no evidence to suggest that Arab states and the Arab Higher Committee wanted a mass exodus or issued orders and appeals to that effect.

In certain areas, however, villagers were ordered by Arab commanders to leave, mainly for strategic reasons.

By mid-1949, with the War of Independence over, about 350 Arab towns and villages had been depopulated, and most of them were either completely or partly in ruins and uninhabitable. Morris says that most of the destruction was due to vandalism and looting and deliberate demolition by Jewish forces or neighboring Jewish settlements in the weeks and months after their conquest.

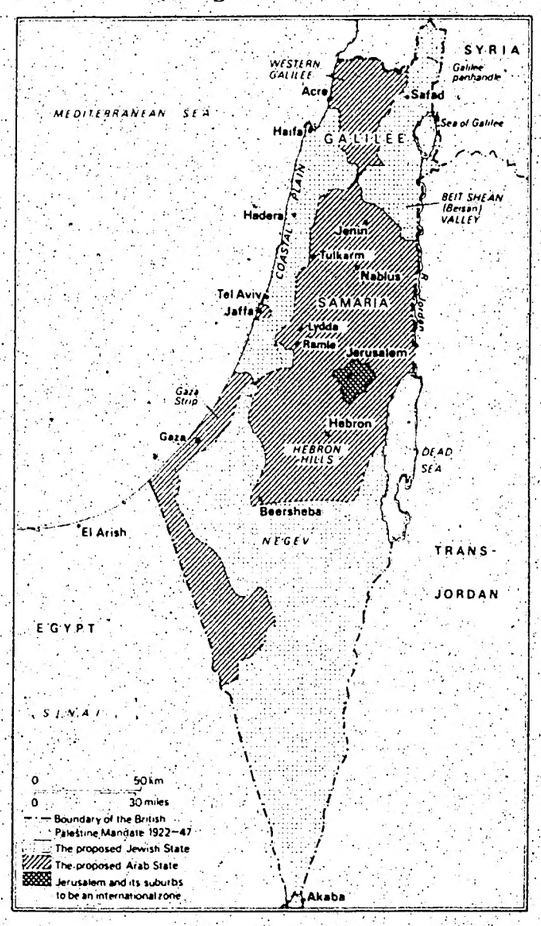
Not surprisingly, local Jewish leaders and Haganah commanders opposed the Palestinians' repatriation. In time, this became Israel's official policy.

"I believe we should prevent their return," Morris quotes Ben-Gurion as saying. "If the Arabs were allowed to return... and the war is resumed, our chances of ending the war as we wish will be reduced."

Moshe Sharett, Israel's first foreign minister, concurred. "Can we imagine a return to the status quo ante?" In common with his colleagues, Sharett believed that it was not in Israel's interests to have a large Arab minority.

The only senior Israeli official who felt that some of the refugees should be permitted to go back to their homes was Eliahu Sasson, the foreign ministry's director of Middle Eastern affairs department. His position, grounded in *Realpolitik*, was prompted by his concern for Israel's image in the West and his desire to persuade Arab leaders to enter into peace talks with Israel.

Since his views did not prevail, Israel created "facts" on the ground, increasing from 279 in November of 1947 to 412 in August of 1949 the number of Jewish settlements throughout its territory. In line with this policy, Jewish forces razed Arab villages, apparently with Ben-Gurion's tacit approval. Mapam, the leftist party, was critical. Ben-Gurion feigned ignorance of it.



Morris says that Ben-Gurion consistently distanced himself in public from that policy, driven by a desire to burnish his image and that of the new state.

From the beginning, the U.S. pressed Israel to repatriate at least "a considerable number" of the refugees. Dean Acheson, the secretary of state, informed Sharett that President Harry Truman "is particularly anxious that an impasse not develop on this subject."

The Arabs demanded full repatriation and a start to that process before substantive peace talks began. Israel said it would take some of them back only within the framework of a final peace settlement.

In July of 1949, Sharett informed the U.S. of Israel's readiness to take back 100,000 refugees upon the completion of a refugee resettlement plan and after evidence of "real progress" towards a peace settlement.

The state department did not react immediately, waiting for Arab reaction. As anticipated, the Arabs rejected Israel's offer. Unofficially, Arab officials let it be known that they would be satisfied if Israel absorbed about 400,000 refugees. But Israel was not interested.

Rather convincingly, Morris argues that the Palestinian refugee problem was inevitable, given the geographical intermixing of the Jewish and Arab populations, the history of Arab-Jewish hostility from the 1917 Balfour Declaration, the resistance of both sides to the concept of a binational state, the outbreak of grave hostilities in 1947, the general reluctance of Arabs to live under Jewish rule, and the fear by Jews of having a large Arab minority in their midst.

All these factors converged in the crucial years from 1947 to 1949 to create a problem that, since then, has caused nothing but heartache and grief for Jews and Arabs alike.

David Ben-Gurion (left) and Moshe Sharett (right) did not want a large Arab minority in the new Jewish state.

Opinion

Contributes to the reduction of internal tensions

Belzer Rebbe-Peres meeting good omen for Israel

By
J. B. SALSBERG

All countries in the world have diverse and often conflicting social, economic and political groupings and classes within their national boundaries. Israel is no exception to this rule.

However, in Israel, because it is still in its formative stage and, because its population still represents a multiplicity of social and cultural backgrounds, competing viewpoints often lead to passionate internal confrontations. That is understandable and no cause for despair. It is, perhaps, an inevitable process in the revival of Jewish statehood by the long-separated parts of our peoplehood.

J. B. Salsberg

That is why, at least in my view, there is no reason for panic or despair when we witness many sharp, internal conflicts in Israel. It is an evolving state.

A sharp and ongoing conflict, for instance, is the one that is carried on between the proponents of a religiously-based state (a theocracy), or a secular state that guarantees full religious freedom for all streams of Jewish religious life, as we are accustomed to in the Western world. Time and goodwill will, I'm sure, resolve this issue too.

But the very establishment of Israel is, in some Orthodox circles, an issue of divisiveness.

The extreme religious right, like the Neturei Karta of Jerusalem, consider the very establishment of Israel a sinful act. They neither recognize nor will they cooperate with any of the organs of the Jewish state. They are in close, friendly relations with the PLO and with Jordan. Nor have they any relationship with the Orthodox or other religious streams that, though not Zionist, support Israel.

I was, for instance, shocked to read the speculation, whether the Neturei Karta would join the rumored PLO "government in exile," should it be formed.

By and far, however, a generally cooperative relationship is being developed in Israel between the non-Zionist religious sectors and the state, its parliament (the Knesset), in which Orthodox parties are represented, and in whose multi-party governments they have participated.

I, for one, was very pleased, a little while back, when the well known General Ariel Sharon, a Likud member of the present unity government, moved to Jerusalem with the intention of opposing the popular Mayor Ted Kollek (Labor) for the mayoralty of the capital, only to have that move totally quashed by none other than the authoritative Rabbi Shach, the head of one of the most prestigious rabbinic schools. It would be, he said, an act of provocation (against the Arabs) for Sharon to seek the mayoralty. That finished Sharon's plans. . . .

Another brave act took place only a few weeks ago.

This time it was a publicized meeting between the Belzer Rebbe, the head of the worldwide Belzer chassidic movement and Shimon Peres, the head of the Israeli Labor Party and the present foreign minister of Israel. This was truly an historic occasion.

As reported, in front page headlines of the New York Orthodox Yiddish weekly, Der Algemeiner Journal, (usually pro-Lubavitch), of Sept. 2, **"Belzer Rebbe expresses his enthusiasm to Shimon Peres for his efforts to achieve peace between Israel and the Arabs."** The subhead reads: **Shimon Peres and the Belzer Rebbe confer for two hours near Jerusalem. Achieve agreement on six points."**

The featured, front page report in that paper also carries a 3-column picture of that important event showing Peres reading from a document to the very attentive Belzer Rebbe and his entourage.

I confess, my esteemed readers, that after reading that item in the Algemeiner Journal and after studying the picture that illustrated that important event I felt like saying a traditional blessing.

That meeting is in my view, an important breakthrough in Israel's ongoing struggle for peace with its neighbors. While I don't expect the Arabs to be overly influenced by the event, it will, I hope, have a significant effect on the thinking of many Israelis. It will, I hope, contribute to the present passionate debate that is raging in Israel — the debate between the advocates of "not a foot of our historic land" will be surrendered (Shamir) and those who favor "exchanging land for a genuine and lasting peace" (Peres).

Of course, we who do not live in Israel cannot, nor should we have, the right to determine the course of Israel's foreign policy. But, as Jews to whom Israel is the central focus of present-day Jewish life we have the right and duty to speak out on issues upon which the very existence of the Jewish state depends.

That is why I believe that the historic meeting between a worldwide chassidic movement, like that of Belz, and the Labor foreign minister of Israel and chief peace advocate, Shimon Peres, is so significant.

I ardently hope they will succeed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 200 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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RAPS KAHANE "CHARACTER SMEAR"

It is painfully obvious that J. B. Salsberg used no sources other than a feverish imagination for his factually incorrect character assassination, "Meir Kahane's foul action debases the Knesset" (Aug. 25).

Contrary to Salsberg's statement, Rabbi Kahane has given up his U.S. citizenship, despite the fact that there is nothing wrong with an Israeli leader holding dual citizenship. Golda Meir, for example, died a dual Israeli and U.S. citizen.

Salsberg's descriptions of Rabbi Kahane's supporters as "puny, rag-tag and pathetic" are completely untrue.

In ongoing polls conducted by Israel's Hadashot paper, Rabbi Kahane's Kach Party usually ran third. It never placed below fourth and once placed second in Israel!

Among the youngest, most dynamic and ultimately most important segment in Israel, Kahane's support is awesome. Among Israeli youth, the Kach Party is second only to Likud and still surging ahead.

The payment of thousands of dollars to Arabs who voluntarily and peacefully leave Israel is not such a bad deal. It is a lot more than 800,000 Jewish refugees from Arab lands got.

It is also, of course, an infinitely better deal than the Arabs would offer the Jews if *they* had won any of the wars.

Chaim Haberman
Toronto

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LIKES BROAD NEWS COVERAGE

Just a short note to congratulate you on the totality of your coverage involving not only Canadian affairs, but also matters involving Israel and the United States.

As a subscriber, I regularly read The Canadian Jewish News and find it to be one of the outstanding newspapers in North America.

Keep up your good work. We need you.

Franklin D. Kreutzer
International President
United Synagogue of America
Miami

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ISRAEL BAN SHOCKS RABBI

I am writing you about Janice Arnold's Aug. 25 article in the Montreal edition headed "Menses claims bureaucracy thwarted his aliya" and subheaded "Ultra-Orthodox Jew returns to Montreal."

It dealt with the eminent Montreal painter, Jan Menses, now 55, who was converted to Judaism at the age of 26 by an Orthodox rabbi in Morocco. He has lived in Montreal since 1960, and as Arnold says, his stark black and white paintings are inspired by esoteric spiritual themes, and can be found in museums in North America, Europe and Israel.

Having known Menses and his family for 20 years, I was deeply shocked to learn of the shabby treatment he received upon his request to settle in Israel.

To have his identification papers stamped with the word GER was a grim reminder of the Nazis who used to stamp the papers of a German Jew with the letter "J." Whether this was for identification purposes or for humiliation, I don't know.

There is a Jewish law which says that when a person presents himself for conversion, the religious authorities dissuade him from taking the step. The procedure is repeated several times. But, once the prospective candidate insists on conversion, he is to be given the utmost consideration by his fellow Jews.

Too bad that the functionary in the immigration department in Israel was unaware of the words of Ezekiel (Chap. 47.) The prophet foresaw the time when the exiles would return to their homeland, "And it shall come to pass, when ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you and the Gerim . . . They shall be treated as the home-born".

I have always had the utmost admiration for Mr. Menses, for his piety, his refinement, for his devout love of Judaism and Eretz Yisrael. I hope that his next attempt to settle in Israel will be more successful.

Charles Bender
Rabbi Emeritus
Adath Israel Congregation
Montreal

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RABBI HITS RABBI'S "HUMILITY"

Re your Sept. 1 article reporting on the annual colloquium of the International Council of Christians and Jews in Montreal under the heading, "Interfaith dialogue requires humility, forum told."

It reported on the Jewish keynote speaker, Rabbi Howard Joseph, chairman of the religious and interreligious committee of Canadian Jewish Congress. He is also spiritual leader of Montreal's Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue.

Rabbi Joseph demanded "theological humility" and "self-criticism" to acknowledge his discovery of the relativism of religion and that there is as much "truth and Divine Presence in other religions" as there is in Judaism.

If that be so, it would follow that, if offered the opportunity, he is as willing to serve as a priest in a church or imam in a mosque as he is to be a rabbi.

Moreover: He has removed all and any religious objections to intermarriage. If there is as much truth in other religions, then let a couple complement their partial truths between themselves, and leave it to their children to find their own truth.

He has removed all and any objections to Jews converting to other religions. For by his claim, the other religions have as much validity as Judaism.

In short, Rabbi Joseph's theory is a denial of Torah and halacha (as he admits by stating that "the 'medieval' Jewish view of other religions is no longer acceptable"). In fact, from a purely logical perspective, it is altogether absurd and self-contradictory.

Normally I ignore this type of publicity-stunt declarations geared to appease all and sundry. But as these are presented in the name of "an Orthodox rabbi," I must protest this falsification of religion and truth in general, and of Judaism in particular.

Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet
Toronto

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Inscription on statue at Cordoba, Spain in Maimonides Square honors Rabbi Moses Maimonides.

RAMBAM OR MAIMONIDES?

I understand that Frank Rasky's father was a *shoichet.*

This makes all the more surprising a reference in the first of his two recent articles on A Jew's Pilgrimage to Jewish Spain.

Rasky explains that "Rambam" is an acronym for Rabbi Moses Ben Maimon, the philosopher and royal physician.

Rasky then goes on to say: "He is better known to Jews as Maimonides. . . ."

"To which Jews?" I may ask.

Someone should inform him — and I'm doing so now — that the traditional name among Jews for the philosopher/physician in question is the Rambam and *not* Maimonides.

Gerald B. Hyamson
Toronto

Frank Rasky replies: I don't understand what my father's occupation as a ritual slaughterer has to do with the venerable Rabbi Moses Maimonides.

Let reader Hyamson be informed that the distinguished philosopher/physician Maimonides is thus listed in the Encyclopedia Judaica, thus identified in the Israeli postage stamp bearing his image, thus named in the inscription at the base of his statue I found honoring him in Cordoba, Spain, and thus revered when my late scholarly father described him to me when I was a boy.

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FAMILY'S SERENE ISRAEL HOLIDAY

This summer, our family attended a most wonderful 40th birthday party. We went to Israel.

Our two teenage children were not convinced that from the moment of checking in at the El Al counter, we would be in the safest of hands.

On the first day of our 3-week tour, our group went up to Mount Scopus for prayers. Our children became uncharacteristically quiet. After two days, we realized that they were simply awestruck.

After all, it wasn't quite as they had envisioned, from watching television and seeing press reports.

As we travelled the length and breadth of this beautiful and diverse land, from the Judean Desert to the Miami Beach-like atmosphere of Herzlya-on-the-Sea, never, at any time, did we feel in any danger.

We did feel, however, a sense of regret and sadness that Israel is hurting both economically and emotionally due to the loss of tourism from North America.

When Israelis expressed their appreciation to us and said "Thank you for coming," we felt we were doing something for Israel.

When we arrived home tired but happy, and our children said, "Thank you for taking us to Israel," we knew we had done something more for ourselves.

Issie and Gerrie Miller
Kingston, Ont.

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FUND HONORS TALMAGE

Recently your paper carried an obituary announcing the death of Prof. Frank Talmage. The writer, Gil Kezwer, accurately reported on the late Dr. Talmage's significant scholarly contributions in the field of Jewish studies.

For anyone interested, a Talmage Fund is being established in the Jewish Studies Program of the University of Toronto. Anyone interested in making a contribution should send a check made out to the University of Toronto-Talmage Fund care of myself at Jewish Studies Program, University of Toronto, Toronto M5S 1A1.

Arthur M. Kruger
Toronto

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BLIND ARTIST SALUTES CHINSKY

This is a quick hello from a blind artist to tell Miriam Chinsky how pleased I and the members of the Satok School of the Arts were with her recent excellent article on our glass mosaic mural, *Force Of Destiny*, which was officially dedicated at the Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Opera Centre.

Ron Satok
Toronto

World-National

Israel sets 4.5% annual growth rate as goal for next five years

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The economics and planning ministry has unveiled its 5-year program for 1988-1992. The plan aims to reduce the country's balance-of-payments deficit and external debt while providing "a new direction for the economy."

Saying he intended to present the program to the government immediately, Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi emphasized that the plan was not meant to serve any particular "political interests."

The plan envisions a 4.5% rate of economic growth in each of the next five years, with exports increasing at an annual rate of 6.5% and imports at a rate of 4.4%. On the macroeconomic front, it calls for maintaining a balanced budget, providing export incentives, increasing the rate of private savings, and reducing the size of the public sector.

With regards to industry, the program calls for investing 13.7 billion shekels over the next five years, subsidizing industrial research and development, and ensuring a "reasonable rate" of export profitability.

As far as utilities are concerned, the plan says that an increase in the price of petrol and electricity is imperative in order to curb excess demand. The price of water, it proposes, should be set in accordance with its cost.

On the subject of education, the plan projects the need for greater emphasis on mathematics and natural sciences, a reorganization of the teachers training system, and the diversion of greater resources towards higher education. With regards to the country's health care system, it calls for increased financing on the part of the private sector.

If this plan is carried out until the year 2000, Ya'acobi said, the country's import surplus would be reduced to one-third of its level in 1987, while production capacity would virtually double.

JTS head:

Schorsch blasts Orthodox

NEW YORK (JTA) — **In a sharply worded address, Ismar Schorsch, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, has accused Israel's religious right of repelling the majority of Israelis from religion and of fostering a "messianic mind-set" among Israeli leaders.**

In addition, Schorsch expressed his support for a land-for-peace formula as a solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Schorsch delivered his remarks at a Conservative movement conference on Zionism, at the seminary's main campus in New York.

His keynote address demonstrated the increasing assertiveness of Conservative leaders in confronting the religious parties in Israel, which have made clear their intention to deny legitimacy to non-Orthodox Jewish movements.

The Jerusalem rabbinate relented last month in attempts to deny a Conservative youth hostel its kosher classification.

But religious forces in Israel continue to press for a Who is a Jew? amendment to Israel's Law of Return that would effectively delegitimize Conservative and Reform rabbis.

Schorsch told the conference that "it is preferable to drop the Law of Return" rather than agree to the proposed amendments.

"Israel must not permit itself to be progressively recast in the image of an East European shtetl," said Schorsch.

A solution to that "nightmarish prospect," he said, would be to require military service for all qualified Israeli yeshiva students, who may currently gain exemptions, and to require that all state rabbis and rabbinic judges have university degrees in addition to their religious training.

Noting that a majority of Israelis are not religiously observant, Schorsch said Israelis are "secular by choice, but also in part by lack of choice."

Schorsch called for religious pluralism in Israel, and said there has been a "catastrophic failure of Orthodoxy to expose some 80% of Israeli society to even a modicum of religious vocabulary, study and observance."

Schorsch also blamed elements on the religious right for blocking a peaceful settlement to the Palestinian crisis.

In endorsing a land-for-peace formula, Schorsch harkened back to the original United Nations plan to partition the country into separate Jewish and Palestinian states.

"That long retarded step forward offers a glimmer of hope for a political settlement," he said.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. What does the term Asarah Haruge Malkhut during the Yom Kippur liturgy, denote?
2. What is the name of the white robe worn by some on Yom Kippur?
3. Name the concluding service on Yom Kippur when gates of heaven are traditionally closed to prayers for forgiveness and sentences passed on mankind are divinely sealed.

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. The legendary "Ten Martyrs" who were tortured to death by the Romans for defying a decree banning study and teaching of Torah.
2. Kitel.
3. Neilah ((("closing").

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Application for commission evidence on Finta to be heard

No trial date yet set in first war crimes case

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Accused war criminal Imre Finta will appear in court again on Oct. 4, when Associate Chief Justice of the High Court Frank Callaghan will determine whether or not to set a trial date.

Callaghan agreed with federal Crown prosecutor Christopher Amerasinghe's that the case be delayed until the October court date, when the Crown will also apply for permission to take evidence abroad.

Justice Callaghan accepted submissions from Amerasinghe and defence lawyer Doug Christie that perhaps in the aftermath of the October applications, he will be in a better position to determine an appropriate trial date.

Finta, 77, is the first person charged since the Criminal Code was amended 1½ years ago to allow for the domestic prosecution of alleged war criminals.

The Crown alleges Finta is guilty of confining and kidnapping thousands of Jews in wartime Hungary. It also claims Finta, then an officer in the Hungarian mounted police, is guilty of manslaughter in the deaths of an unspecified number of Jews he helped load on board cattle cars bound for death camps.

A smiling Finta refused to comment on the case when questioned by the press outside the University Ave. courthouse.

During the brief court session, Finta sat with several supporters who earlier this year attended the "false news" trial of Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel.

Defence lawyer Doug Christie, who also represented Zundel as well as Alberta school teacher Jim Keegstra (accused of promoting hatred against Jews), agreed with Amerasinghe that the court might be in a better position to determine an appropriate trial date after the October hearing. He added that he could not estimate the time it might take to complete the questioning of witnesses abroad.

Under the criminal law, witnesses outside the jurisdiction of the court may be questioned (known as taking commission evidence) and their testimony used in domestic cases.

Canada has completed agreements with several countries to allow for the procedure in connection with war crimes trials.

Amerasinghe told court there would be two applications for taking such evidence — one for a group of witnesses in Hungary, the other for those in Israel.

He informed Christie there also may be a third application.

(Following expressions of concern from a number of quarters, including from groups of East European origin, several safeguards in the taking of such evidence were guaranteed, including the right to cross-examine witnesses, to videotape proceedings, to examine original documents and to have independent translators present.)

Amerasinghe told court he expected to present approximately 40 witnesses in all, noting that "a great deal of them are abroad."

He suggested it was unlikely the commission evidence would be taken before March, 1989.

It is also possible a decision on the application to take commission evidence might not be rendered on Oct. 4, thereby further delaying the time when Callaghan sets a trial date.

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Israel to admit Kurdish orphans

JERUSALEM (JTA) —
Israel, in a humanitarian gesture, will admit more than 200 Kurdish orphans from Iraq who are presently refugees in eastern Turkey.

The foreign ministry already has instructed the Israeli mission in Ankara to determine the most practical means of transferring the group as quickly as possible.

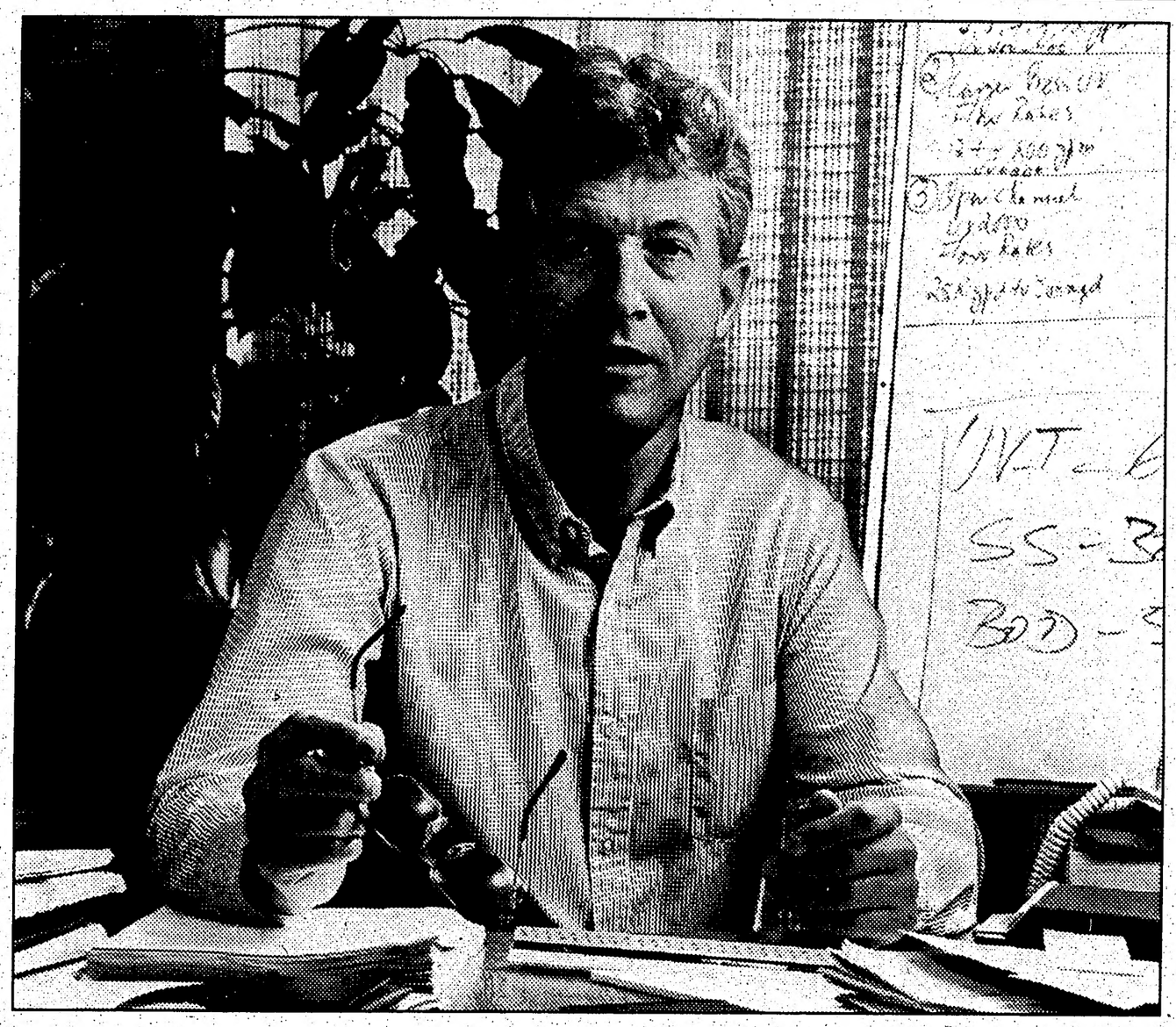
The plans were announced here last week, after Foreign Minister Shimon Peres obtained Premier Yitzhak Shamir's approval of the project.

The Kurds have long been a persecuted minority in Iraq. They came under fierce attack by the Iraqi army immediately after the ceasefire in the Persian Gulf war, allegedly with chemical weapons. Large numbers fled to Turkey.

The youngsters will be educated at Youth Aliyah facilities run by the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency for Israel. Presumably they will not be brought up as Jews or converted to Judaism.

The Israeli gesture is reminiscent of events in 1977, when Menachem Begin, shortly after becoming Premier, accepted about 200 Vietnamese "boat people" as refugees in Israel.

Many have since made comfortable lives in Israel, chiefly in the Oriental restaurant business.



Israel-USSR trade nears

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —
Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and his Soviet counterpart Eduard Shevardnadze will discuss the establishment of joint chambers of commerce in Moscow and Tel Aviv at their meeting in New York later this month. This is viewed here as a first step towards opening direct trade channels between the Soviet Union and Israel.

An agreement in principle to set up these organizations was reached in Leningrad last month, during a visit by Danny Gillerman, the president of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce. The Soviets, who were described by sources close to Gillerman as "very serious about the idea," also brought up the subject in recent meetings with the foreign minister's advisor, Nimrod Novick.

According to these sources, the Soviets are interested in initiating trade ties through such institutions as chambers of commerce, since these are not regarded as political bodies.

Although Israel trades openly with other East Bloc countries, it has no direct commercial links with the Soviet Union. The sources said that the Soviets are interested in trading with third countries through Israel, as well as in purchasing Israeli-made phamaceuticals, cosmetics, and new technologies.

In their discussions with Gillerman, the soviets also mentioned the possibility of selling Israel raw materials and possibly diamonds. Israel is the largest diamond-processing centre in the world.

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World-National

American Jews debate Jackson's potential role

By
ANDREW CARROLL

NEW YORK (JTA) —
When Jews meet to talk about the relative merits of Vice-President George Bush or Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis for president, the conversation inevitably turns neither to the economy nor to the pledge of allegiance, but to Rev. Jesse Jackson.

A recent debate between Jewish representatives of the two candidates was no exception. It was held during the Council of Jewish Federation's quarterly board and committee meetings at New York's Marriott Marquis Hotel.

The Democratic Party is being held hostage by Jackson's "un-American, anti-American and certainly anti-Jewish" forces, according to Jack Stein, a representative of Bush's campaign and a former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

But according to Hyman Bookbinder, special advisor to Dukakis, the Republicans' claims that Jackson will determine Dukakis' Middle East policy is both a "manufactured issue" and "mind-boggling." Bookbinder formerly served as Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee.

Jackson was not the only topic during a sometimes heated debate between old acquaintances that will certainly be repeated before other Jewish audiences in the next two months.

Bookbinder, for instance, raised doubts about Bush's commitment to Israel, and criticized Republican legislators for supporting arms sales to Arab nations. He also attacked the Reagan administration's recent attempts to censure Israel for a number of actions in the administered territories.

In praising Dukakis, Bookbinder mentioned the candidate's longstanding opposition, as governor, to the Arab boycott of Israel; his outspokenness against the 1975 United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism; and his tough stance against anti-semitism.

The Democratic Party, said Bookbinder, "clearly reflects the democratic ideals and aspirations of American Jewry and what I believe Judaism to be."

Stein relied on his own 18-year acquaintance with Bush to attest to the vice president's feelings toward Israel and Jews. He praised the Middle East platform adopted at the Republican National Convention as the "most pro-Israel" that the American Israel Public Affairs Committee "has seen in years."

But the debate was really about Jackson, to the extent that Bookbinder, speaking first, was also the first to bring up the topic. "The Republicans have decided to run against Jesse Jackson, not Michael Dukakis," he said.

According to Stein, the success of Jackson and other Arab sympathizers in the Democratic Party in having a pro-Palestinian plank debated on the floor of the Democratic National Convention was a taste of things to come in a Dukakis administration.

Describing what he called the "Dukakis-Jackson-Bentsen" ticket as a "troika," Stein said the Democrats had been "hijacked by a well-organized minority" led by Jackson.

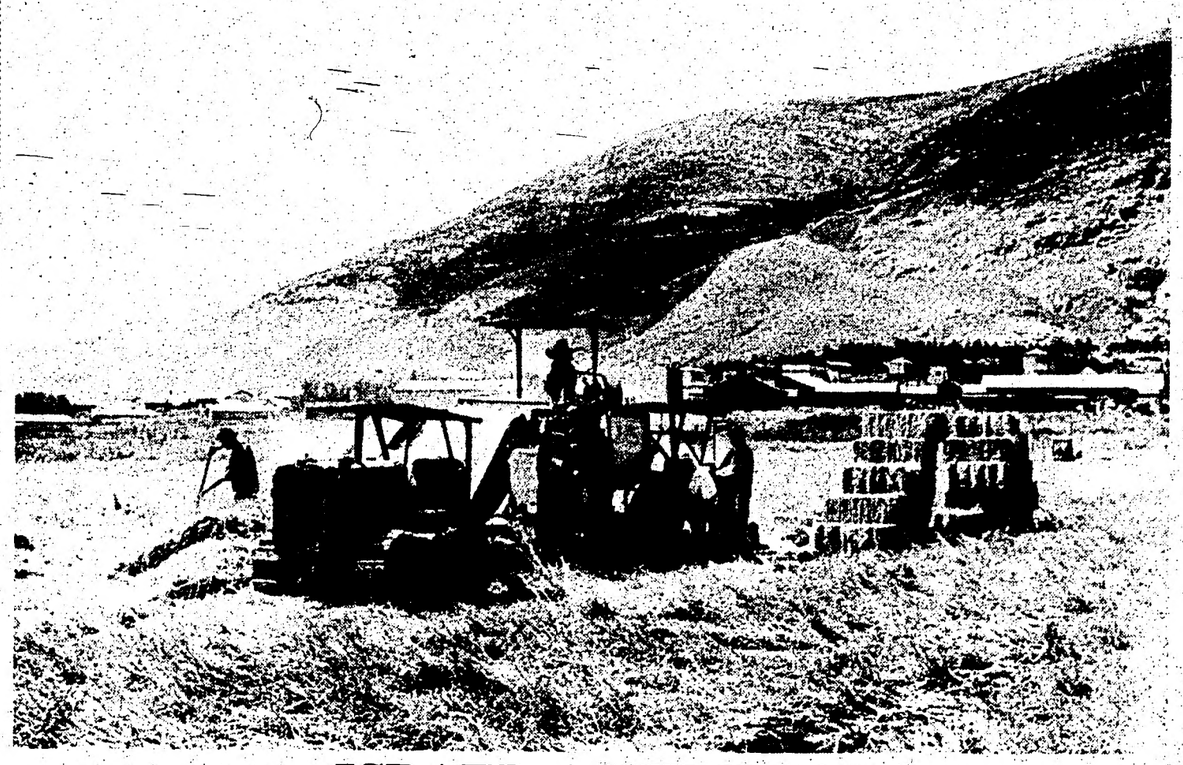
Dukakis needs the Black vote to win in November, Stein argued, and, if elected, would be "limiting himself to one term if he failed to pay his debt to Jackson."

Bookbinder countered that both parties had their "extreme wings," citing as Republican examples Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, television evangelist Pat Robertson, former Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell and New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu.

He said the Democrats' rejection of the Palestinian plank, by a 2-1 margin, was evidence that the Jackson wing "has not prevailed."

In the question-and-answer period that followed, audience members, drawn from the top leadership of community federations around the country, seemed less concerned with the "Jackson question" than they did with Bush's domestic policies.

They questioned his support for school prayer and opposition to gun control, and his choice of Sen. Dan Quayle of Indiana as running mate.



ISRAEL AS IT WAS
Farmers in the Jezreel Valley harvest a crop of hay, circa 1930s. Israeli agriculture has made tremendous gains since statehood.

Korean cook handles holidays

By
LEORA FRANKEL

SEOUL (JPFS) —
High Holy Day meals for South Korea's small Jewish community were planned this year, as usual by a military chaplain, a Korean cook and a U.S. army sergeant. Of the three, the Korean cook was the most experienced; he had catered 32 Pesach feasts, and at least that number of festive meals for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur eve.

In Seoul, chaplains come and go every couple of years. But the cook stays on. Gefilte fish, matzoh balls and tzimmes are as familiar to him as native Korean delicacies. Another Korean cook, who shared duties for the Jewish community, recently turned down job offers from restaurants in New York.

The chaplain, the cook and the sergeant all are employed at the religious retreat sponsored by the agency responsible for providing services to Jewish military families. It is one of only two such centres in the world. The other is in Germany. Soldiers and civilians are welcome to rest, pray and socialize here. Every year, the Jewish community gathers at the retreat to celebrate major holidays.

The average High Holiday turnout is 100-120.

The Olympic Games, however, have changed everything this year. The chaplain, Orthodox Rabbi Kenneth Zisook, who only arrived in Korea a few weeks ago, hosted a crowd of 500 for Rosh Hashanah and also to break the fast after Yom Kippur. Among the guests were several employees of NBC, the television network responsible for the worldwide coverage of the Games, as well as Jewish athletes from a number of countries.

In a normal year, the U.S. army provides the services and the Jewish community covers the expenses. This year, however, the army added $12,000 to the $4,000 the local Jewish community spent on the food.

Israeli husband had potent argument

HAIFA (JPFS) —
A newly-married woman, who sued for divorce on the grounds that her husband was impotent, won a divorce decree in the rabbinical court here — but not quite for the reason she gave.

During the course of the suit, the husband rejected the wife's charge that he was unable to consummate the marriage or have sexual relations because of an illness. As proof of his potency, he cited the fact that they had been sleeping with each other for two years before they got married.

Examining his defence, the rabbis established that the couple had, indeed, been having sexual relations for a long period before the wife had obtained her divorce from her first husband, though she had left him and was living apart from him.

But as halacha forbids marriage between a man and woman who had previously been engaged in an adulterous relationship, the rabbinical court nullified the second marriage and ordered the husband to grant the divorce.

Events of 1938 remembered

Kristallnacht stamp issued

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

TORONTO —
West Germany is issuing a memorial stamp on Oct. 13 to mark the night of Nov. 9 and 10, 1938, when throughout the country synagogues and Jewish shops, schools and dwellings were destroyed while Jews were beaten up and murdered and thousands arrested.

The pogrom of 50 years ago became known as Kristallnacht (Night of the Broken Glass). It was to mark the beginning of events leading to the Holocaust.

No complete record of the destruction is known to exist, but according to the Encyclopedia Judaica 191 synagogues were set on fire, another 76 were completely demolished, 815 shops were destroyed, 29 warehouses and 171 dwellings.

At least 30,000 Jews in Germany and Austria, which had been taken over by the Germans earlier, were arrested and sent to concentration camps, 36 were killed and 36 severely injured.

The memorial stamp shows the burning synagogue in Baden-Baden, the date of the pogrom, the Star of David and the message in German Das Geheimnis der Erlosung Hiesst Erinnerung (Rembembering is the Secret of Redemption), which is a Jewish saying.

In East Germany a memorial stamp to Krystalnacht was issued in 1963 to mark the 25th anniversary of the events.

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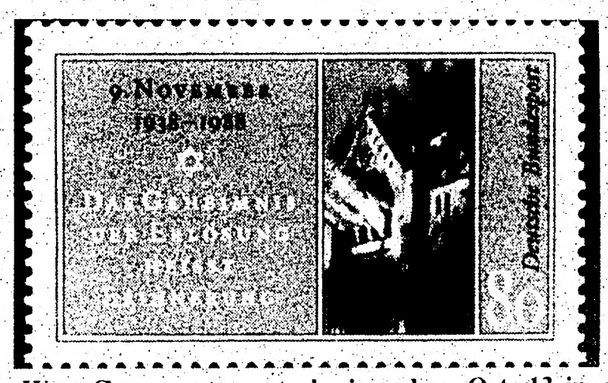
BONN (JTA) —
The leadership of West Germany's Jewish community has dissociated itself from criticism of Chancellor Helmut Kohl by the head of the Frankfurt Jewish community.

Four members of the Central Council of Jews in West Germany, headed by its chairman, Heinz Galinski, visited Kohl at his office. They had been invited to receive Kohl's greetings for the Jewish New Year.



West German stamp to be issued on Oct. 13 in memory of Kristallnacht.

They used the occasion to express regret over "the unqualified criticism" of Kohl by Ugnaz Bubis, chairman of the Jewish Community Council of Frankfurt.

Bubis, commenting on the invitation to Kohl to address ceremonies in Frankfurt in November marking the 50th anniversary of the Kristallnacht, suggested that the chancellor have Richard von Weizsacker, president of the Federal Republic, write his speech.

Von Weizsacker is highly regarded by West Germany's Jews for his sensitivity to Jewish concerns. Kohl is considered to have been insensitive on some occasions.

Galinski said the Jewish community looked forward to hearing Kohl and stressed that he spoke for the entire Central Council. He said the criticism of the chancellor was "in no way representative of the Jews in this country."

A government spokesman, Friedhelm Ost, said Galinski also thanked Kohl for his commitment to Jewish interests.

Kristallnacht, or the night of the broken glass, occurred on Nov. 9, 1938. It was the first organized pogrom of the Nazi regime against German Jews. Some members of the Frankfurt community have urged that the invitation to Kohl to speak on the anniversary be withdrawn.

Those who claimed Kohl was undeserving of the honor cited his insistence in 1984 that U.S. President Ronald Reagan place a wreath at the German military cemetery in Bitburg, where some members of the notorious Waffen SS are buried.

Reagan complied with Kohl's request despite angry protests from the American Jewish community and groups and individuals worldwide.

Critics of the invitation also attributed to Kohl unseemly remarks about the Nazi era when he visited Israel in 1983, and blamed him for the decision to build an office complex in Frankfurt's Boernplatz, over the remains of the historic Jewish ghetto.

The issues have split Frankfurt's Jewish community for the past two months. Bubis initially defended the invitation to Kohl, but later opposed it.

Passengers detained

Israeli tour boat rammed by Egyptian coast guard

TEL AVIV (JTA) —
Israeli officials have expressed disapproval of the Egyptian coast guard's move to ram and seize an Israeli excursion boat in the Gulf of Eilat recently. But the foreign ministry is awaiting further details of the incident before deciding how Israel will respond.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said that the incident was not the sort of thing that should occur between friendly nations and was "completely unnecessary."

Information so far indicates that the seizure was an independent initiative, not coordinated with authorities in Cairo. The Maya, with 35 Israeli passengers and crew aboard, was intercepted by the Egyptian patrol ship, rammed and towed to the Egyptian coast guard station on Coral Island in the gulf.

The Maya's deck and hull were damaged, but no one was hurt. Its passengers and crew were detained. After several hours, they were allowed to return to Eilat aboard the Maya, apparently on orders from the authorities in Cairo.

The captain of the Maya, Moshe Saar, said he was about a mile offshore when attacked. He said the Egyptians ordered him not to use his radio. He also said he refused to sign a statement that his vessel had sustained no damage.

According to the Egyptians, the Maya was only about 300 yards offshore in Egyptian waters and failed to heed orders to stand clear.

Mayor Rafi Hochman of Eilat said, "We are treating the event as an isolated incident."

But Avraham Tepper, director of the Eilat marina, claimed the Egyptians had "bothered" another Israeli tourist boat three weeks ago.

Meanwhile, the Maya was off again last week, carrying about 30 tourists. The damage will be repaired at a later date.

World-National

Diverse parliamentarians protest PLO leader's presence

Arafat invitation stirs controversy in Strasbourg

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deal with how to respond to Hussein's decision to cut ties to the West Bank.

Although the PLO had described Arafat's visit to Strasbourg as a "diplomatic breakthrough," perhaps the most interesting spectacle was the diverse political and ideological colorations of those who objected to his presence at the parliament.

Simone Veil, an Auschwitz survivor who heads the Liberal faction, was one of the most vociferous. But so was her fellow Frenchman, Jean-Marie Le Pen, a denigrator of the Holocaust who heads the far-right National Front.

Le Pen criticized Lord Plumb, saying "to invite a man who throws bombs into this building is tantamount to introducing a bomb into parliament."

Other protesters included Alfred Coste Floret, a former French prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials; Ian Paisley, a Protestant leader from Northern Ireland; and deputies from Belgium, Holland and West Germany.

Arafat was accompanied by about 40 aides, including his foreign policy advisor, Farouk Kaddoumi; Khaled Hassan; and Abu Iyad, who officially is the PLO's second in command.

Arafat was guest of honor at a dinner given by Socialist leaders.

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In London, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he is prepared to negotiate peace directly with any Palestinians who renounce violence and accept Israel's existence.

His remarks to a British radio interviewer on his arrival here were a departure from his longstanding insistence that Palestinian negotiating partners be part of a Jordanian delegation.

The best option would be to meet a joint delegation of Palestinians and Jordanians, Peres said. But as second best, Israel should meet two separate delegations.

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ROME (JTA) —

The Palestine Liberation Organization can decisively influence Israel's parliamentary elections Nov. 1, according to Labor Party Knesset member Abba Eban.

"A clear declaration, the recognition of Israel and the renunciation of terrorism (by the PLO) would help the Labor Party," Eban told reporters after meetings here with Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti and Socialist Party leader Bettino Craxi.

Eban, a former foreign minister and presently chairman of the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee, is on a mission on behalf of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, leader of the Labor Party.

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JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

The Prime Minister's Office said last week that Abie Nathan's trip and meeting with Yasser Arafat will be investigated by the police when Nathan returns to Israel.

The veteran peace activist flew to Tunis recently after receiving word that Arafat was prepared to meet with him. Three days later, the meeting took place. It lasted some 45 minutes.

On his return to Israel, Nathan is planning to ask for meetings with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to report to them on his discussions with the PLO chief.

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office took a severe view of Nathan's trip, noting that if the report about his meeting with Arafat is true, then it is a violation of the Israeli law which clearly forbids meetings with representaives of terrorist organizations.

Multicultural dept. gets ministry status

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Weiner first entered cabinet in June 1986 when he was appointed minister of state for employment and immigration. He became multiculturalism minister last March.

The post has been held by three other MPs since the Conservatives assumed power four years ago, including Jack Murta, Otto Jelinek and David Crombie.

Prior to entering cabinet, Weiner served as parliamentary secretary to Employment and Immigration Minister Flora MacDonald and, previously, as parliamentary secretary to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark.

Weiner, a pharmacist, was mayor of Dollard des Ormeaux, a Montreal suburb, from November, 1982 to 1984 when he was elected to Parliament as MP for Dollard.

He has lived in Dollard des Ormeaux with his wife Judy and two children since 1965 and was founding president of the city's synagogue, Temple (now Congregation) Rodeph Shalom.

Frank Dimant, executive vice-president for B'nai B'rith Canada, said BBC is delighted with the emphasis being placed on multiculturalism. This move, he said, reaffirms its importance.

Dimant commended Weiner for acquainting himself well with the position and said BBC hopes to continue the "excellent relations" with the minister that have existed in the past.

The elevation of multiculturalism into a full ministry was also welcomed by Canadian Jewish Congress.

"CJC has long advocated for the creation of a full department," Congress President Dorothy Reitman said from Saskatoon, where she was attending a United Israel Appeal dinner. "We believe this is a most important means of ensuring that the goals of multiculturalism in Canada will be met at the federal level."

The Prime Minister's move also eliminates one of Congress' concerns, which it had planned to raise in the upcoming federal election.

CJC's federal general election political action guide had recommended that the new Canadian Multiculturalism Act, which was adopted in July, be reviewed in three years with the matter of a separate multiculturalism department and commissioner being considered.

In another move sure to please urban voters, the Prime Minister appointed Brampton MP John McDermid as minister of state for housing.

In his new portfolio, McDermid will be responsible for grants to affordable housing projects and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Reagan names new Jewish liaison

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Benjamin Waldman, formerly assistant press secretary to Rev. Pat Robertson during his unsuccessful 1988 presidential bid, has been named President Reagan's new liaison to the Jewish community.

Waldman, who will assume the formal title of White House associate director for public liaison, said that his goals include providing Jews an "entry point for issues that are important to them."

Waldman said he will also work on other areas such as child care, housing, foreign policy toward South Africa and the Strategic Defense Initiative.

"The main goal is to help provide continuity" between the Reagan administration and a future one. He said it is "possible" that he could end up staying on during a Bush presidency.

Waldman was preceded by an interim acting liaison, Matt Zachari, who took over for Max Green, who left in late June.

Waldman's last post was as special assistant to the administrator of the General Services Administration. He also worked at the department of housing and urban development and as associate director of personnel at the White House in 1986, before he joined the Robertson campaign.

His wife, Rebecca, said he kept kosher on the camapign trail with Robertson by "eating a lot of vegetables."

She said her husband considers himself less an Orthodox Jew than a "strong Conservative."

Waldman, who was 30 years old Sept. 4, has two children, a son Zachary, 2, and a daughter, Kendall, 10 months.

Community's role discussed

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ganized Jewish community that reacts instead of staying silent."

He said the organizations could do more to inform the community through symposia and newsletters. "The fact is the Jewish community has not been reacting in an effective manner (to the Palestinian uprising.)"

The community, he said, must have "a clearer understanding of the CIC's mandate. Is it to lobby for the State of Israel in Ottawa and Quebec only, or does it also have a mission with regard to the Jewish community? I say the latter."

Canadian Zionist Federation president David Azrieli praised Bronfman's initiative. "Ideas on how the community can better respond are always welcome," he said.

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Organizations and People

Canadian studies conference planned for Israel

TORONTO —

Israel will host the International Council of Canadian Studies Conference in 1992, says the coordinator of the Programme of Canadian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Daniel Ben-Natan said during a recent visit to Toronto that the unanimous decision of the international group is a tribute to the Canadian studies program at the Hebrew University, which is cosponsored by the Canadian government and Ralph and Roz Halbert of Toronto.

Ben-Natan, a former national executive director of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, said the Hebrew University program will celebrate its bar mitzvah year in 1990 with two special conferences in Jerusalem, one a joint conference with the University of Toronto.

Over the years, the program has brought to Israel many prominent Canadian academics from a wide variety of disciplines, for teaching, research and conferences. These include Prof. Elspeth Cameron of the University of Toronto, Prof. Seymour Mayne of the University of Ottawa and Prof. Michael Brown of York University.

This academic year, the visiting professors in the program are Prof. Bruce Ellman of the University of Alberta in Edmonton and Prof. Cyril Leavitt of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

Ben-Natan, a native of Winnipeg, said officials in Ottawa have characterized the Canadian studies program at the Hebrew University as "the most successful between Rome and Tokyo" and consider it an excellent vehicle for outreach between Canada and Israel.

"Our criteria for a successful program is the continuing relationship of the Israelis and Canadians involved even after the particular program or research project is complete," Ben-Natan said. "And this has happened in almost every case.

"Not only is it critical for Israelis to learn about Canada, but it is also important for Canadians to look at themselves through foreign eyes, because it gives a valuable new perspective and promotes self-understanding.

"Despite the major differences between small Israel and enormous Canada, there are many areas of comparative interest. For example, scholars from Memorial University in Newfoundland came to the Hebrew University under the auspices of the Program of Canadian Studies to research the Bedouin for comparison with the Inuit.

"The program is also one of our ways of making concrete our feeling that the Hebrew University is in partnership with the Canadian Jewish community."

Daniel Ben-Natan

NCJW awarded literacy grant

TORONTO —

The National Council of Jewish Women has been awarded $25,000 by the Ontario government in support of literacy training for adults.

Alvin Curling, minister of skills development, recently announced over $4.4 million in funding to 137 organizations through the ministry's Ontario Community Literacy grant program.

Under this program, non-profit community-based organizations interested in establishing basic literacy programs for adults, literacy hotlines or providing other literacy services on a regional or provincial basis can apply to the ministry for funds.

Literacy-related research, pilot projects, curriculum development and materials are also eligible for such grants.

Patricia Starr, president of NCJW charitable foundation, said that NCJW's program, now in its second year, uses volunteers and professionals to teach people who cannot read or write to become literate.

"It's hard for people to admit they can't read or write," she said. "They are often embarrased by their lack of English skills. We try to make them feel comfortable to talk to us."

Curling stressed that communities need to be fully involved and committed in the campaign to eradicate illiteracy.

"The Ontario government has committed $50 million for adult literacy training," Curling said. "But government funds alone are not enough. Community groups, business, industry and labor have to join us as partners working together to ease the burdens of the illiterate adults who have to function in this complex, technological society."

Speaking on behalf of the minister, Gino Matrundola, MPP for Willowdale, announced that the North York Public Library was awarded $35,000 under the grants program.

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Popular folk singer met with Refuseniks

UJA women's campaign features Mary Travers

By ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

For anyone who grew up in the 60s, Peter, Paul and Mary, more than any other performing group of that era, came to symbolize the protest movement and civil unrest that was then rampant throughout the United States.

This distaff member of the trio, Mary Travers, now in her late 40s, is still an activist and crusader on behalf of those denied their basic civil rights.

Travers will be the featured guest at UJA Night, a Jewish Women's Federation/United Jewish Appeal Women's Campaign function on Monday, Oct. 17 at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Chairman for the program which begins at 7 p.m., are Karen Morton and Didi Urbach.

At the invitation of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Travers accompanied a small delegation to the Soviet Union in 1983 to meet with Refuseniks.

She was so affected by what she had seen and heard, she has since addressed and performed for 80 Jewish organizations throughout the United States, highlighting the plight of Refuseniks.

In a telephone interview from New York, Travers said she has done "a lot of speaking" and a lot of "tracking of people" she had met in Russia during her visit there.

She is currently concerned for the welfare of Refusenik Yuli Kosharovsky and his family, who only a few weeks ago was denied an exit visa for the 20th time, she had learned.

"Yuli is a Hebrew teacher," Travers explained. "Not only that, he is a leader in the movement to promote the teaching of Hebrew in Russia."

Travers said a licence is required in order to teach Hebrew in the Soviet Union. Any individual applying for such a licence is automatically targeted for special harassment.

When asked whether she thought that glasnost would ease the way to freer emigration for Soviet Jewry, she replied: "It's hard to say. Things are usually better with detente than with a hardline policy. Far fewer Jews were permitted to leave during Reagan's administration than when Jimmy Carter was in the White House."

It's unfortunate, she added, that Soviet Jews have to be political pawns and bargaining tools between the two superpopwers.

After a decade of "togetherness," Peter, Paul and Mary went their separate ways for eight years. They reunited in 1978 and are enjoying renewed popularity with new and old audiences alike. They average 60 concerts a year, are recording a new album (including Chanukah songs) and do at least one television holiday special for PBS.

UJA Night is a new format for the women's campaign opener in the Jewish community. In previous years, it began with an evening program, with a follow-up program and luncheon the next day.

With the JWF adoption of Refusenik Elena Keis, it was felt that the Mary Travers appearance "couldn't be more timely," said Karen Morton and Didi Urbach.

"We know that more women can come out in the evening than during the day, and we want to make sure as many as possible will have an opportunity to hear what she (Travers) has to say."

Registration and program, which includes coffee and "dessert elegante," is $14 per person.

For reservations, call the UJA Women's Campaign office, 635-2883.

Mary Travers

Hearing program for seniors

TORONTO —

Hearing impaired seniors age 60 and over in the city of Toronto and the Borough of East York are now eligible for counselling, testing and financial help for hearing aids, or other devices.

The new program, launched Sept. 7, already operates in Kingston, Peel, Peterborough and Windsor and is funded by the provincial ministry of community and social services. It is hoped to extend the service province-wide when funds are available.

Dorothy Garvie, chairperson of the advisory committee, told a press conference that half the population over 65 in Ontario is hearing impaired.

Four counsellors are available to seniors in Toronto and East York and they can speak English, Yiddish, Italian and Chinese.

The counsellor will visit the senior's home if necessary and arrange for hearing testing at home if the senior is immobile.

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Self-referrals or referrals by family members are welcome says Winnie Lee, coordinator of the program, and inquiries should be directed to her at (416) 964-9595. The address of the Canadian Hearing Society is 271 Spadina Rd., Toronto M5R 2VR.

Montebello Plaut topic

TORONTO —

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut will be the guest speaker at the first meeting this season of the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club on Sunday morning, Sept. 25. The rabbi will discuss the Montebello controversy.

Fred Catzman, who writes the Name Game column in The CJN, will be the speaker at the Oct. 2 meeting, discussing the topic The Origin of Names.

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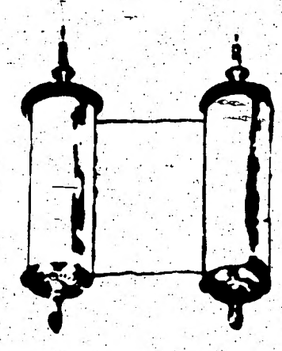

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Ha'azeenu

A Jew should never forget God. No one is too big, no nation is too big.

Reb Israel Salanter, the genius of the mussar (moral perfection) movement was invited to the home of Baron Rothschild of Frankfurt. The baron was a great tycoon, but also a very observant Jew.

Rabbi Gottesman

Reb Israel spent some time in the baron's home, surrounded by the great opulence. When it came time to leave, Reb Israel turned to the Baron and commented: "You will excuse me, Herr Baron, but in one point you are not consistent with the Torah!"

The pious Rothschild was astounded and asked him how. Answered Reb Israel: "In the Torah it says — 'Vayishman Yeshurun va'yivat . . . And Jeshurun (Israel) grew fat and kicked!' (Devarim 32:15) But look! You have grown fat and wealthy, but you have not kicked Judaism aside!"

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This week's portion, Ha'azeenu, is one of the smallest portions of the whole year. It is powerful. It is beautiful. It packs in its few chosen words the whole Covenant of the Jewish people with the Almighty.

Every Jew should memorize the Ha'azeenu by heart, word by word. (Of course, for most of us, it is an ordeal just remembering our zip code. But I am making this offer — any boy or girl, 12 or younger, who will memorize the whole Ha'azeenu and recite it before me, will receive a free copy of my book, *Sparks From The Torah*. To arrange an audition, call 782-7075)

The Land Of Israel, the Jewish People, and the Almighty Himself are eternally bound together.

Moses gathered the Israelites for a final Covenant, and declared: "Ha'azeenu hashomayim v'adabeirah! Give ear, O Heavens, and I will speak, and let the earth hear the words of my mouth!" (Devarim 32:1)

Why mention Heaven and earth? Moses was speaking to the people, not to the sky, not to the ground.

But — explains Reb Yaakov Levinson — Moses was teaching the Jewish people that their relationship with Eretz Yisrael has to have two elements — Heaven and earth! You can't sit on your hands and expect miracles to happen. You must work, build, study, till the ground.

But Eretz Yisrael is not just another piece of real estate. There has to be "shomayim" — Heaven — also. There must be sanctity. There must be idealism. There must be ethics and Torah. There must be a Sabbath and Yom Tov to renew the spirit. There must be tzedakah!

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Speaking about tzedakah — here is a letter I received from Mrs. Goldie Feinstat, who heads our Monthly Fund: ". . . I managed to visit some of the needy and have been touched by what I saw to the very depths of my heart. They are purely righteous who live their lives in poverty, modesty, holiness, purity, and great joy! There is only one thing to say in that connection: May it be His will that our portion shall be among their merit."

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Message opposes separatism

Succoth holiday rich in symbolism

By
RABBI
SELIG KOROLNEK

Lulavim sway in the breeze during prayer at the Western Wall.

No festival is so rich in ritual and colorful symbolism as Succoth, and none of it captured the imgination of our rabbis so much as the etrog and lulav which, together with the willow and myrtle branches, are used for the first seven days.

These four plants were the traditional items in joyous thanksgiving ceremonies at the harvest time. Our teachers however were fond of expounding other lessons from this popular ritual.

Among the various traditional classifications of the four species is one which divides them into two groups, fruit bearing and non-fruit bearing. The etrog and the lulav belong to the first class. One is the citrus fruit, and the other is from a fruit-bearing palm tree. The willow and myrtle, however, are from non-fruit bearing trees.

The rabbinic homily goes on to equate the fruit-bearing plants to the righteous, and the other species to the non-righteous. Yet this teaches the lesson of close collaboration between righteous and non-righteous, just as the four species are held together in a single bunch.

At first glance this seems a dangerous teaching, since it is always necessary to guard against unhealthy influence and bad example. Why then should the righteous be urged to mix with the non-righteous? Surely the reverse kind of counsel is more authentic, "Keep far from an evil neighbor."

Perhaps we see a clue to the rabbinic mind when we translate righteous and non-righteous more closely as religious and non-religious. There are all kinds of people, some are religiously observant and others are delinquent. What shall we do? Divide the community?

No, says the midrash, let them rather come together. A truly religious man has a lively faith in the power of religion to win hearts. He is not afraid of mixing with the non-observant Jew, because his own standards are strong and his convictions are firm. His religion has given him this strength and he has a burning enthusiasm that wins others over to his example.

This type of religious Jew follows Hillel's teaching to draw other people near to the Torah. But unfortunately it is not a general characteristic of religious people in our community. All too often we find observance cloaked with a "holier than thou" attitude. Worse still, there is a type of smug religiosity which would ignore or even reject such as do not come up to their standards.

"I'm all right" can be the outrageous philosophy of people who are selfish in their spiritual life as well as with their material goods. There is an ignominious character in Yiddish literature described as the "Zaddik in peltz," the religious man wrapped up in the warm furs of self-satisfied selfish piety while others are ignored as irreligious outsiders. God protect us from this kind of religion.

A beautiful legend tells that during their march in the wilderness the Children of Israel were protected by seven clouds of glory. There was one on each side, one above, and one in the vanguard; and the seventh cloud was situated a long way behind the marching tribes to gather in all those who fell on the way, and to unite all the weak and wary with the main camp.

This is the true pattern for the religious. Not to advocate a separatist philosophy, not to reject or despair of the non-observant, but to act as the fruit-bearing plants which join up with the others, and to observe the lesson of the protecting cloud to bring a greater blessing to the whole House of Israel.

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Tickets still available for Masada concert

MONTREAL —

Canadians planning to attend the special Oct. 13 concert at the foot of Masada culminating Israel's 40th anniversary celebrations should take note that tickets are available here but are sold out in Israel.

Jewish National Fund Jerusalem emissary Lt. Col. Yaacov Perez told The CJN that some Canadians attempting to purchase tickets for the event in Israel have been disappointed.

In Canada, however, tickets are still available if they are purchased in package tour deals and also for individual travellers through travel agents. Perez said he personally had 100 tickets available for individual travellers.

Maestro Zubin Mehta will lead the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in the gala event, which is being heralded as a "once in a lifetime" experience by executive producer Beny Boret.

Mehta will conduct Mahler's Second Symphony. Gregory Peck will act as master of ceremonies, with Yves Montand as the guest of honor.

The audience of 4,000 will be entertained by celebrities and personalities from around the world. The list includes writer Martin Gray, musicians Gregory Sziffra and Sylvia Greenberg, former Refuseniks Ida Nudel, Natan Sharansky and Yosef Begun, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Four hundred performing artists will take part in all.

The concert will also be highlighted by special effects generated by 400 projectors timed to Mahler's music.

Perez said Montrealers should call 744-2668, 934-0313 for tickets or their travel agents for details on packages that include the concert.

Information in Toronto is available by calling Discovery Tours, at (416) 636-4727 or the toll-free line at 1-800-268-7960.

Jonathan Livny (right) at the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University New Leadership breakfast with Mark Diamond of Toronto.

Trial system "strained"

TORONTO —

The Israeli military court system was never set up to handle the sheer number of trials caused by the current uprising in the territories, says the president of the military court of Judea and Samaria.

Major (res.) Jonathan Livny told a recent breakfast meeting of the Toronto New Leadership Division of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University here that there are 10,000 Arabs imprisoned in Israeli jails and they must all come to trial because all their lawyers enter pleas of not guilty. The court system was designed for only 800 to 900 cases a year, he added.

Livny, who serves as president of the court as his reserve duty, said for him this means about 80 days this year, instead of the normal 30 (all reservists are currently doing 60 days duty, because of the uprising). He adjudicates up to 80 cases during an average 16-hour day.

Citing cases that have appeared before him, Livny said that lack of clear evidence and the fact there is no appeals court in the territories often leads him to render decisions of "not guilty." The prisoner, however, will have already spent months in jail before trial, because of the backlog, so "justice has really not done anything."

To cope with the backlog, he said, the Israeli government has resorted to administrative detention, in which Arabs are arrested, detained in jail for six months and then released without coming to trial.

Livny, a Jerusalem lawyer, spoke also of the difficulty of getting Israeli soldiers to testify at trials. They made the arrest during their reserve duty, but are asked to testify much later during a regular work day, making a trip to the court unarmed through hostile territory.

Now, he said, the orders to testify come through the army, in effect giving the witnesses extra reserve duty.

During question period, chartered by Mark Diamond, who organized the breakfast, Livny, a former national executive vice-president of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, said the intifada will not go away without a political solution.

"It's a full-fledged uprising," he said, "with shops closed across the country almost two or three times a week, and it will get worse before it gets better.

"'We are One,' they now say — they learned the slogans from us."

Ontario award nominations

TORONTO —

Nominations are being sought by Queen's Park for the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship and for the Order of Ontario.

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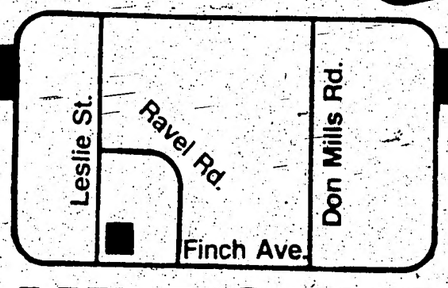

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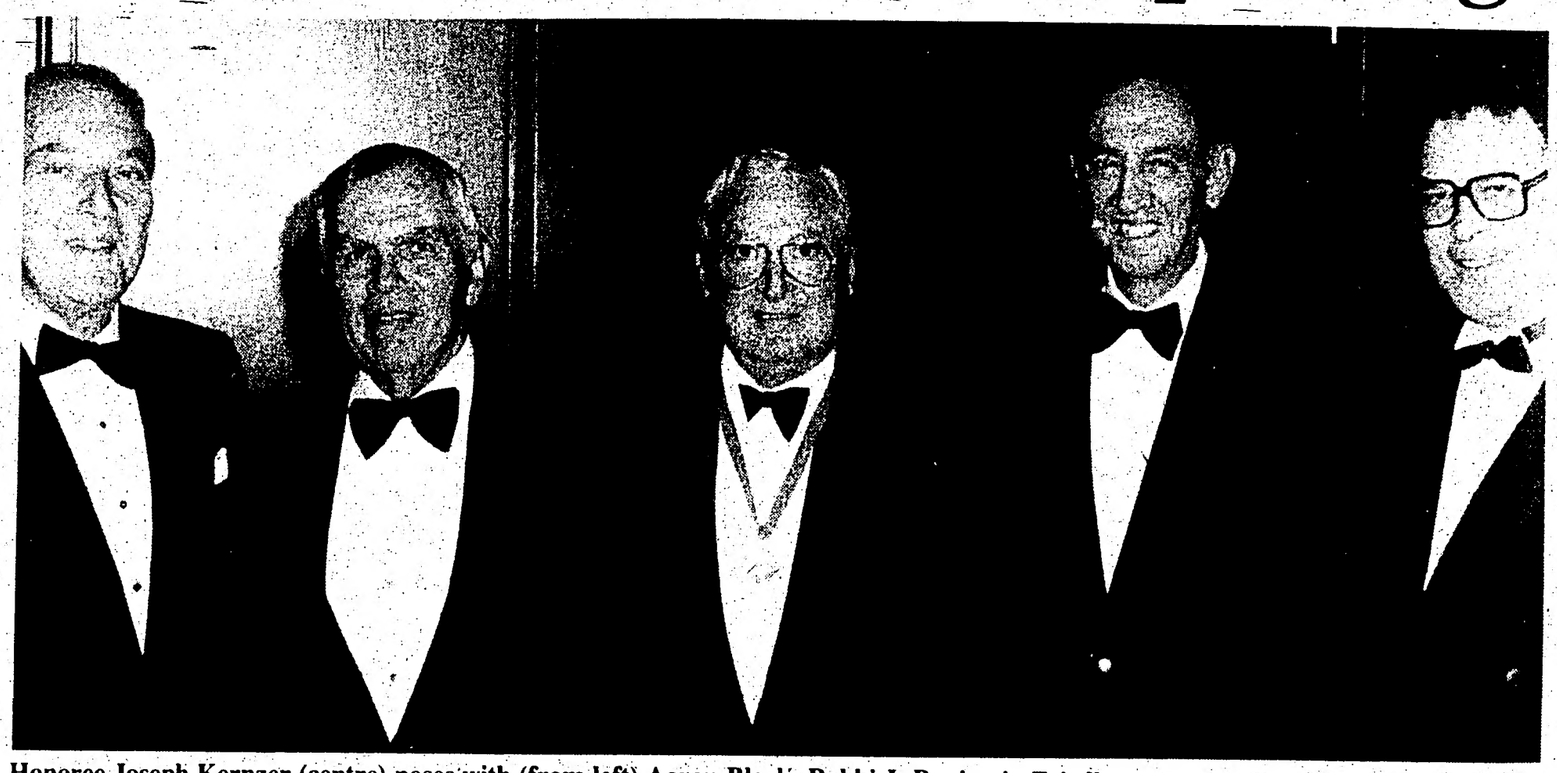
Joseph Kerzner honored at Beth Tzedec

Sisco tells Bonds dinner of PLO prime gambit

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN



Honoree Joseph Kernzer (centre) poses with (from left) Aaron Black, Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg, Joseph Sisco and Albert Zernzer. [Richard Saunders photo]

TORONTO — The Palestine Liberation Organization's prime gambit is to create a division in Israel's relationship with the United States, and reduce support in other free countries like Canada, says a former U.S. undersecretary of state for political affairs.

And in the near future, factions in the PLO are likely to agree on a proposal for the territories adding "enough superficial semblance of attraction and reasonableness" to impact on world opinion, and prompting countries like Canada and the U.S. to pressure Israel to make some sort of move, Joseph Sisco said.

The former career diplomat made the comments recently to more than 400 people at a dinner at the Beth Tzedec Congregation held in honor of businessman and philanthropist Joseph Kerzner as part of the shul's 1988 Israel Bond drive.

Sisco told the audience recent developments in the Middle East — including riots in the West Bank, King Hussein's decision to sever legal and administrative ties with the West Bank, and the prospect of an end to the Iran-Iraq war — are forcing Israel to make some "hard choices."

In particular, Israel faces three options in dealing with the West Bank situation — continued control, annexation or direct negotiation, he said.

But even though Sisco, 66, said he is in favor of a direct dialogue, he acknowledged it "takes two to negotiate."

"I'm convinced that the reason why negotiations haven't been possible up to this time is that there hasn't been either an Arab leader — other than Sadat — or a Palestinian leader that has been able to take the decision to move to the conference table, and to make that decision stick," said the Chicago-born Sisco, an expert in the area of the Middle East and Persian Gulf, who is currently a partner in Sisco Associates, an international consulting firm in Washington.

During the event, Bonds awards were presented to two shul members. Joseph Kerzner received the Israel 40th Anniversary Medal for his support of Israel; and Philip Fellen, the shul's board chairman and bond chairman, was given the Shema Yisrael Medal for helping organize the tribute dinner.

Joseph was also presented with a certificate stating 10 Beth Tzedec past presidents had purchased a $50,000 (U.S.) Israel Bond in his honor.

The 63-year-old chartered accountant and shopping centre developer was praised as a "wonderful person with a great heart.

"Joseph is a classic story of the handful of immigrants who came to North America in the depression years — who rose from poverty and humble beginnings to achieve great success in his life," said tribute chairman Albert Kerzner, Joseph's youngest brother.

Born in the small Polish village of Stopnicia, Joseph immigrated to Canada in 1930 with his family, including his parents Sarah and Sam and his five siblings. Two others were born later in Canada.

"Joseph worked during his school years to help support the household," Albert said.

"He helped get our father out of a sweat shop where he toiled as a garment presser and got him established in the building business."

From their late religious father, the family learned the meaning of being charitable, said Albert, a shopping centre developer.

"My brother Joseph and the word tzedekah are closely intertwined. He responds to charities in a most positive and generous fashion. He sets an example for us to follow."

Joseph, a former Beth Tzedec president, later urged the audience to "awaken" fellow congregants to the need to visit Israel, and to purchase more Israel Bonds.

More than $800,000 (U.S.) worth of Israel Bonds has already been sold in Beth Tzedec's 1988 Bond campaign, Fellen announced.

Of that total, the Kerzner family has subscribed to $250,000 (U.S.) in Bonds, Fellen said.

Beth Tzedec's board of governors has also passed a resolution — subject to congregation approval — to increase its portfolio of $4.25 million (U.S.) in Bonds notes to $6 million (U.S.), Fellen announced.

"State of Israel Bonds has always occupied a position of top priority in this shul," said shul president Marvin Miller.

"Our success over the years has been the result of a deserving honoree joining forces with a capable Bond chairman, all culminating in a responsive congregation such as you, ladies and gentlemen, who continue to purchase Bonds in the amounts you do," Miller told the audience.

In other announcements, the shul's Bond vice-chairman and Holocaust memorial chairman Marylyn Light reported on efforts to create a Holocaust memorial wall for Beth Tzedec.

"The creation of a Holocaust memorial will add a dimension of historic truth to the artistic splendor of our building," said Light, whose husband, Izzie, was recently elected president of the shul's men's club.

Other speakers at the dinner included shul executive director Nathan Abramowitz; dinner chairman Aaron Black, who led a toast; Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg, who performed the invocation and hamotzi; Israeli Consul-General Benjamin Abileah, who introduced Sisco; Sy Syms, Bonds' U.S. national chairman, who presented an award to Fellen; Cantor Joseph Cooper, who performed the birkat hamazon; and Cantor Paul Kowarsky, who performed O Canada, a cantorial benediction and later concluded the dinner with the Hatikvah.

Noteworthy guests at the event included Justice Sydney Robins; Justice Abe Lieff; Julius Briskin, Bonds' executive vice-president and general counsel in Canada; and Ronald Appleby, former president of Toronto Jewish Congress.

Joseph Kerzner's relatives included brothers Morris, Max and Louis, and sisters Ann Zaretsky and Gert Gangel. Also present were Joseph's son, Jeff, and daughter, Cheryl Pancer, her husband, Ron, and their 7-year-old son, Daniel, as well as many of Joseph's nieces and nephews.

Drug chain offers discounts, prizes for senior citizens

TORONTO — Seniors from Ontario and the Maritimes are invited to celebrate and save money on Tuesday, Sept. 27 during Seniors Day at Shoppers Drug Mart, the firm announces.

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Organizations and People

Income support system needs overhaul, report says

Ontario urged to review payments for disabled

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

New income support programs should be developed to ensure that children and people with disabilities do not live in poverty, a report commissioned by the Ontario government has recommended.

The Social Assistance Review Committee was established in July 1986 to undertake a public review of Ontario's social assistance system.

The result is a 648-page report with 274 recommendations that calls for a major shift in the philosophy of Ontario's social assistance system.

"The current system was designed more than a quarter century ago," said committee chairman George Thomson in releasing the report.

"It fails to meet the basic income needs of recipients. Equally important, the system does very little to encourage recipients to increase their capacity for self-reliance. In many cases, it actually discourages people from leaving social assistance."

At a recent press conference releasing Transitions, Thomson called for the introduction of new income support programs for children and the disabled, saying it would result in a significantly reduced social assistance system as both would be removed from its rolls.

"Few people realize that the vast majority of the beneficiaries of social assistance are children, their sole support parents and people with disabilities," Thomson said. "Our proposals would substantially improve the benefits provided to these groups."

As Thomson explained, the present income programs for children would be replaced with a new income-tested tax credit. The credit would provide a maximum of $3,300 per child per year to all low- and middle-income parents.

To assist the disabled, the committee called for a comprehensive disability insurance program to provide benefits due to accident, injury or illness. This could be financed by a variety of levies, including premiums for both employers and employees.

For those disabled not eligible for the insurance program, a disability benefit would provide them with a basic level of income.

A third major reform outlined in the report calls for the creation of a program to supplement the wages of low-income workers.

Thomson said the goal of this program would be to provide social assistance recipients with an incentive to work and to ensure that people who are already working are able to keep working.

"In short, we want to make sure people are better off working," said Thomson.

"During our public hearings, we were struck by the number of recipients we met who wanted to work," he explained. "But many of the existing policies penalize recipients who take a job. It doesn't make sense to keep people dependent upon social assistance when they want to work for a living. We feel that income supplementation, along with improvements in the minimum wage, would make work a better option than social assistance."

The committee, looking at the housing market, also recommended that recipients of social assistance be reimbursed for the full cost of their rents, up to a ceiling based on average shelter costs.

As well, a number of recommendations were made to increase the supply of housing including:

- Using publicly owned lands to create affordable housing.
- Ensuring municipal plans and bylaws support affordable housing.
- Increasing the rent supplementation program to help those who are waiting for subsidized housing.
- Having the ministry of revenue explore property tax incentives aimed at encouraging homeowners to create additional units in their homes.

This comprehensive report calls for the reforms to be implemented over five stages beginning immediately by increasing shelter allowance rates and eliminating any unfair rules and procedures.

As well, the report calls for the Ontario government to immediately begin to develop and implement a public education program to increase the level of awareness and understanding about the social assistance program and those who use it.

Canadian Friends of Elwyn forms chapter in Toronto

TORONTO —

A Canadian Friends of Elwyn group has been formed with Rabbi Philip Scheim and Jennis Cass of Toronto as vice chairmen.

Jerusalem Elwyn provides rehabilitation services for handicapped people in Israel's capital. Among those at the school are children and adults who are mentally retarded, sensory impaired, physically disabled, neurologically impaired and multi-handicapped.

Other board members of the Canadian Friends of Elwyn are Schuyler Sigel and Isaac Silverstein of Toronto and Sally Rogow of Vancouver.

Among those active in the Canadian group's formation is the Rotman family of Toronto and Israel. JEI's main campus in Jerusalem bears the name of Rotman family member Millie Shime, a Toronto teacher, community activist and city planning board member who died in 1982.

A major goal of the Canadian Friends of Elwyn will be to approach various Canadian foundations which support programs for handicapped individuals. Other plans call for the formation of local chapters in Canada.

For further information, contact Canadian Friends of Elwyn, 161 Eglinton Ave. E., Suite 604, Toronto M4P 1J5; 484-3745.

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Organizations and People

Helps overcome paradoxes

Kabbalah provides tools for growth: teacher

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —

The Kabbalah permits one to see beyond the illusory world of the senses, according to a student and teacher at the Research Centre of Kabbalah in Israel.

Eitan Yardeni told a recent gathering at the Borochov Centre that if studied and used properly, Kabbalah, or Jewish mysticism, provides vital tools for spiritual and personal growth.

"The study of Torah alone does not help one find spiritual unity because there are many paradoxes found there," he said.

One such paradox Yardeni cited was the problem in understanding the meaning of the first three days of creation, since the sun and moon which are the standards by which time is measured were not created until the fourth day.

Another paradox concerns the idea of rest since, said Yardeni, it is written in Genesis that G-d finished creating in the seventh day. "Does that mean G-d actually did some work on that day? How then do we explain these paradoxical problems in the Torah?"

The Zohar, which is the root of the Kabbalah and was written by Rabbi Shimon Ben Yohai 2,000 years ago, is the cosmic code to understand the universe, Yardeni said, adding that it reveals the hidden knowledge of the Torah and thereby leads one to the "integral spirituality of Judaism."

"All wisdom is there but we are limited by time and space to understand it."

He told the crowd they had come to the evening lecture because of a need to find internal peace and the desire to be in control of life. "We need to see the complete picture of life, to understand the cause and effect, and understand how the universe works. It is the Zohar which provides the guidance to see inside, above and beyond our limitations."

A look behind the reality will eliminate all life's paradoxes, said Yardeni, adding that Kabbalah answers all the "whys" of life and makes the connection between the world of reality with the reason behind that reality. "That's what mysticism is all about."

Yardeni said Kabbalah is the tool which can connect one to the "oneness," a term he explained, "as the force which came out of the first light of creation. The desire to receive infinitely the force of this light is what creation is all about."

However, one must work hard to achieve this unity and get closer to the light, he said, explaining that the spiritual purpose of life was, "to reduce the ego and materiality and connect oneself to the world which exists beyond time, space and motion."

The problem, Yardeni said, is that there is a constant battle being waged between the soul which instructs one to work towards earning that light and the body which wants gratification.

Yardeni also spoke about the kabbalistic meaning behind Rosh Hashanah, a time, he said, when the head gives orders to all parts of the body to change our lives.

Yardeni later told The CJN he hoped that a Kabbalah Centre could be established in Toronto. A 2-night seminar on Kabbalah is currently being planned for early November. Lili Fournier, the coordinator of the evening's talk, can be contacted at 482-0054 for further information.

TTC subway station staffed

TORONTO —

Starting Oct. 16, the TTC will staff the automatic entrance on Heath St. W., from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday at a cost of $75,000.

It is an entrance to the St. Clair West station which at the present time is not staffed, meaning that senior citizens and people with other passes and without tokens or the correct change cannot use it.

The staffing move was recommended by Alderman Ben Nobleman of Ward 1 of the city of York.

The Heath St. entrance is 550 metres from the St. Clair West station entrance, calculated to be a 9-minute walk for seniors.

A passenger count at the Heath St. entrance went up from 1,200 to 1,800 during a six-month trial of staffing the entrance.

The number of passengers entering the main St. Clair West station daily dropped from 3,415 to 3,191 during the trial period.

A TTC report said that 72 seniors made up 4% of the people using the Heath St. entrance and 95% of them used it between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

It also asserted that another obstacle for seniors at that station is a 46-step stairway and to rectify this by a single escalator would cost $1.3 million and by a single elevator, $450,000. No recommendation was made to the commissioners to do this.

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Disasters handled well in Israel

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Israel has no conflict between the army and civilians in handling major disasters as it appears that Canada has, a symposium on emergency medicine, sponsored by the Canadian Technion Society, was told recently.

After Dr. Bruce Rowat, chairman of the Academy of Emergency Medicine, Toronto, said, "there is total resistance in Canada to integration of civilian and army resources," Dr. Uri Teitelman said no such division exists in Israel.

Teitelman, senior physician of the Critical Care Unit, Rambam Hospital in Haifa, said that Israel has a disaster plan in effect and because of experience in the Lebanon war has learned to deal with injuries resulting from the collapse of buildings.

Israel must also deal with the effect of insecticides and plan measures to offset the use of chemical warfare agents, Teitelman said.

An example of the situation in Canada cited by Rowat was that the Search and Rescue Unit of the armed forces at Trenton, Ont., has been ordered "by Ottawa" not to offer any help in the case of major auto accidents in the area.

"The political goaltending going on in Ottawa is like a 'black hole:' you could spend all your time in it and end up with nothing but frustration," he said.

The Canadian Technion Society in the past year dedicated the department of immunology at Rambam Hospital and raised $1 million for high-tech research, said Arnold Racht, president of the Toronto chapter.

The Society's latest project is to finance dormitories for students at Israel's leading technological institute, he said.

In Israel, emergency medicine is a "super specialty," Teitelman told the symposium at Inn on the Park. After the Yom Kippur war all Israeli hospitals developed critical care units. Trauma is the major cause of death of people below the age of 40 in Israel as it is in North America, he said, adding that Israel has army doctors to look after accident victims being transported in air ambulances.

Physicians at the Technion Rambam Hospital are well trained in both theory and practice of emergency medicine and severe criteria exists for their promotion. The need for research in disaster medicine is urgent, but it is so expensive in Israel that "we are doing research in Chicago because we can't afford it in Israel," Teitelman said.

Working in the emergency room of a hospital is no bed of roses, said Dr. Lorne Greenspan, deputy director, Toronto General Hospital emergency department. "You have no idea of the pressure and anxiety we have," he said.

"We are constantly under scrutiny. How can I be cheerful when I sit down three times in 12 hours? There is no point in screaming at the doctors, nurses or orderlies. We suffer from a lack of resources."

Greenspan said his emergency department is seeing 44,000 patients a year now compared with 35,000 a few years ago, and as Toronto grows the number of trauma victims will increase.

Canadian Technion Society meeting on emergency medicine in Canada and Israel included (from left) Dr. Lorne Greenspan, Dr. Uri Teitelman and Prof. Vivian Rakoff.

"I would bet that none of you have sent a gift to a hospital's emergency department. We go unrecognized. We suffer and your gifts go to other specialties.

"I was running on the street in the Bayview-Steeles area and I passed a man wearing a T shirt, and with a midline scar, and he looked familiar. He gave $500,000 to the TGH coronary unit and we got the big fat zero."

Accidents take more lives of young males in Canada than heart disease and cancer combined, Dr. Greenspan said.

A positive factor in the emergency picture is that paramedics now start intravenous or provide an airway in the ambulance on the way to hospital, he said.

The economic crisis in medicine in Ontario has resulted in babies being transferred to Ottawa and Hamilton hospitals because there were no beds in Toronto, Greenspan said. "There is a serious nursing shortage, because the nurses are not paid enough, get limited respect and have limited opportunities. Hospitals are closing beds because no nurses are available," he added.

The moderator, Dr. Vivian Rakoff, chairman of the department of psychiatry at the University of Toronto, said emergencies of the mind are as serious as physical trauma.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLIDAY DEADLINE

The deadline for the What's New and About People columns through to the end of the Jewish holidays and Thanksgiving (i.e. Sept. 29 and Oct. 6 issues) is now past. The deadline for the Oct. 13 issue is Thursday, Sept. 29. I will be at my desk on that day to receive your calls. Hope to hear from you then.

Friday, Sept. 23

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will appear in a happy musical hour with a program of semi-classical and Hebrew and Jewish music at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd., on Friday, Sept. 23, from 2-3 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 24

TEEN DANCE

Come and join B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) in the opening community-wide teen dance featuring the crazy antics of Diamond Disc Jockeys deejay **Ron Michaels**. Be at the BBYO House, 15 Hove St. (Bathurst and Sheppard) on Saturday, Sept. 24, at 8 p.m. for an evening you won't forget filled with fun and prizes, compliments of Disc Counts.

Come out and help support BBYO dance marathoners raising money for chapter programs. Admission is $3 BBYO members, $5 non-members at the door.

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GUT YONTIFF, GUT YAHR

Friends of Yiddish invites you to its opening program, Gut Yontiff, Gut Yahr, an evening of song, games, refreshments and more, celebrating the new year. Come join as singer **Faye Kellerstein**, accompanied by **Bluma** on the guitar, present songs of the season. The master of ceremonies is **Ben Clodman**.

It's on Saturday, Sept. 24, at 8 p.m. at the New Fraternal Jewish Association hall, 120 Overbrook Pl., (at Wilmington at the south end of plaza, upstairs).

There is no charge for members. Non-members charge is $5.

Sunday, Sept. 25

GARAGE AND BAKE SALE

B'nai B'rith Women Markham-Unionville Chapter is sponsoring its 4th annual garage and bake sale on Sunday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 273 Main St., Unionville.

GRAND SOCIETY MEETING

GRAND Society (Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity) will be meeting on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 1.30 p.m. at 16 Spadina Rd. The guest speaker will be will be **Michael Cochrane** from the policy development division of the attorney-general's office.

There is a $2 fee at the door for non-members.

Monday, Sept. 26

PARENTS OF ASTHMATIC CHILDREN

Parents of Asthmatic Children is holding a meeting on Monday, Sept. 26, when **Dr. Barry Zimmerman**, director of the division of allergy, Hospital for Sick Children, will speak on Coping With Asthmatic Children.

The time is 8 p.m. at the Hugh MacMillan Medical Centre, 350 Rumsey Rd. For further information, call **Elaine Rose** at 881-8416.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

REMAINING A JEW

Aish HaTorah is presenting the Basics, an innovative and inspiring series of individual seminars exploring the wit and wisdom of Judaism.

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On Wednesday, Sept. 28, the topic will be Three Good Reasons for Remaining a Jew. The seminar takes place at 8 p.m. at Aish HaTorah Centre, 296A Wilson Ave. (1 block west of Bathurst).

CANADA AND THE ELECTION

Canada — On the Eve of a Federal Election is the title of the talk **Prof. Desmond Morton**, principal of Erindale College, University of Toronto, and prominent columnist and political commentator, will be giving at a meeting of the New Fraternal Jewish Association on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

The time is 8.30 p.m. at the association's centre, 120 Overbrook Pl., Suite 107.

The public is welcome to attend. There is no admission charge.

GOURMET COOKING COURSE

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood is finally going to tell all! Known for the unusually different and uniquely presented food it serves, the sisterhood is giving a long-awaited kosher gourmet cooking course, which will consist of two classes.

The first class, on Wednesday, Sept. 28, will concentrate on desserts with instructor **Judy Urowitz**, who has studied with French chef **Jacques Pepin** and **James Beard**, the former dean of cooking in America.

The second class, on Wednesday, Oct. 5, will deal with hors d'oeuvres with **Tzippi Goldberg**, who runs a successful hors d'oeuvres and dessert business.

Both sessions will take place at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. The charge is $5 each class.

All foods made in these classes can be made ahead of time and frozen. Also, these recipes will be part of the menu for sisterhood's gala event, Illusions 88, being held Saturday, Nov. 5.

ABOUT ALLERGIES

On Wednesday, Sept. 28, a lecture on Allergies — Emotional and Physical Causes will be given by **Robert Gross**, who holds a PhD in physiological chemistry and is founder of Pawling Health Manor in Hyde Park, NY.

The lecture, sponsored by the Canadian Natural Hygiene Society, takes place at 8 p.m. at 155 College St., 6th floor.

For more information, call the society at 781-0395.

SOCIAL CARD NIGHT & BAKE SALE

Na'amat Club Rachel invites you to a social card night and bake sale on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

There will be refreshments and a raffle. Please bring your own cards.

Tickets are $2 and proceeds will go to children's homes in Israel.

THE ROLE OF THE JEW IN FILMS

At the Shaar Shalom Sisterhood opening meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 28, **Ruth Margel** will speak on The Role of the Jew in Films. The meeting takes place at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill.

The charge is $1.50 members, $2 guests.

FORUM ON ILEITIS & COLITIS

The Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis is sponsoring an education forum on the medical management of inflammatory bowel disease on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 7.30 p.m. at Toronto General Hospital Nurses' Residence Amphitheatre, 90 Gerrard St. W. (1 block west of Bay). The guest speaker will be noted gastroenterologist **Dr. Khursheed Jeejeebhoy**.

Thursday, Sept. 29

TWICE PROMISED LAND

B'nai B'rith Women Council of Toronto is presenting a program with a video movie, Twice Promised Land, and a discussion following with the director of the film **David Harel**.

The meeting will take place Thursday, Sept. 29, at 8.45 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

Admission is $2. For information, contact **Etty** at 498-6656.

AVIVA CHAPTER NA'AMAT

Thursday, Sept. 29, is the date of Na'amat Aviva Chapter's membership meeting titled Pictionary Your Way Through Na'amat. The meeting is being held at 8 p.m. at the home of **Helen Peto**, 11 German Mills Rd., Thornhill.

All potential members are invited to attend. The group has members throughout Toronto.

For information, call **Helen** at 764-0624 or **Sheri** at 663-5761.

TEHILA CHOIR

Tehila Choir is ready for its 5th season and invites all young adults (university-age and beyond) to the first meeting of the new year on Thursday, Sept. 28. If you have a zest for singing and seek a chance to meet interesting others — Tehila is for you!

It all begins at 8 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue's nursery room, 3080 Bayview Ave.

Michelle Green is the conductor with **Stephen Benlolo** as accompanist.

For more information, call 923-9861.

TEA & MUSICAL MOMENTS

The Dysautonomia Foundation's Toronto and Tikvah Chapters' 7th annual fund raiser, Afternoon Tea and Musical Moments, takes place Thursday, Sept. 29, from 1-5 p.m. at the home of **Dorothy and Irving Shoichet**.

Musical Moments will feature vocalist **Prof. Michael Mandel** and young violinist **Max Mandel**, accompanied by pianist **Brahm Goldhamer**, in selections from classical, opera and Yiddish cantorial repertoire.

Familial Dysautonomia (FD) is a rare genetic disease which afflicts primarily Jewish children of Eastern Euopean descent. All proceeds will go to medical research for FD.

If you can't be there, you can send a check to the Toronto or Tikvah Chapter of Dysautonomia Foundation, Inc., 36 Denmark Cres., Willowdale, Ont. M2R 1J4. For further information, call 636-7924 or 636-4971.

BB LEADERS MEET WITH MULRONEY

B'nai B'rith Canada leaders met with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in Ottawa recently. The 45-minute meeting dealt with Canada-Israel relations, Nazi war criminals, Soviet Jewry and multiculturalism. The BBC leaders commended the government for establishing the Deschenes Commission and urged the Prime Minister to prosecute war criminals. Dr. Brian Feldman, national president, presented the PM with a copy of the book, Justice Delayed, co-authored by BB's legal counsel David Matas and Susan Charendoff. From left are Ralph Snow, chairman, Institute for International Affairs; Ralph Fisher, co-chairman, National Advisory Council BBC; Feldman; Prime Minister Mulroney, and Frank Dimant, executive vice-president, BBC.

And What Else Is New...

JSU/HIILLEL EVENTS

Upcoming Jewish Students' Union/Hillel, University of Toronto, events include —

Thursday, Sept. 22 — The feature videoflick is The Untouchables. Be at 604 Spadina Ave. at 6 p.m...Tehila Choir led by **Michelle Green** meets at 8 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

Friday, Sept. 23 — First Shabbat dinner of the school year begins at 7 p.m. at 604 Spadina Ave. The cost is $6 with JSU card, $7 without, and free to residence students with card. Reserve by Sept. 22 by calling 923-9861.

Saturday, Sept. 24 — The biggest Bash of the Year with live band and cash bar begins at 9 p.m. at The Grapevine (part of the Diamond Club), 410 Sherbourne St. Admission is $6 with JSU card, $7 without, and free for frosh with card. This is co-sponsored by JSU/Hillel, Jewish Student Federation-York University, with Scarborough College JSU/Hillel, Jewish Students of Ryerson and Jewish Students of Seneca.

Thursday, Sept. 29 — Dine on barbecue chicken, fries and a Coke under the open air at the Succah party from 5 p.m. onwards at 604 Spadina Ave., all for $3 with card, $4 without. The videoflick is Wall Street starring **Michael Douglas**, beginning at 6 p.m.

JDF RAFFEE - A REAL BARGAIN

If you had the choice between a brand new Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit or $125,000 cash, which would you pick? It's a tough decision but it may be one you have to make if you are the grand prize winner of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation raffle.

Even if you don't win the grand prize, you could win the second prize of a new Jaguar XJ6 or $50,000 cash or a third prize of a new Saab 900S or $25,000 cash.

The first early bird draw is Sept. 27 and all those who purchase tickets before 6 p.m. Sept.

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24 are eligible to win an exotic cruise down the Amazon River.

The final draw will take place at a gala evening Nov. 22 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Tickets are $100. For information, call 224-2633.

LECTURE ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S

The Toronto Committee of Ezrath Nashim, the Jerusalem Hospital for Psychiatric and Geriatric Treatment and Rehabilitation, is featuring a lecture on Research Advances in Alzheimer's Disease by internationally renowned scientist **Dr. Melvyn Ball** of the University of Western Ontario. The date is Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 8 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview.

Dr. Melvyn Ball

The tickets are $100 (tax deductible), which give you a chance to win one of the three door prizes — 2 return tickets to Argentina plus one week's stay in Buenos Aires, courtesy Aerolinas Argentinas and land arrangements by Latour, the tour operator; diamond earings (retail value $1,000), courtesy Fabrikant Commonwealth Trading Inc., and leather coat (retail value $1,000) courtesy Olympic Leather Co.

Chairman of the event is **Alex Eisen**. His co-chairman is **Teddy Fialkov**.

All proceeds will go to research in Alzheimer's and the care of the already affiliated patients at Ezrath Nashim Hospital in Jerusalem.

For information, call **Shula Robin**, the coordinator, at 630-4253.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Canadian Diabetes Association needs volunteers for its November fund raising campaign. Various interesting positions are available by calling the North York Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

MID-LIFE JOB CRISIS WORKSHOP

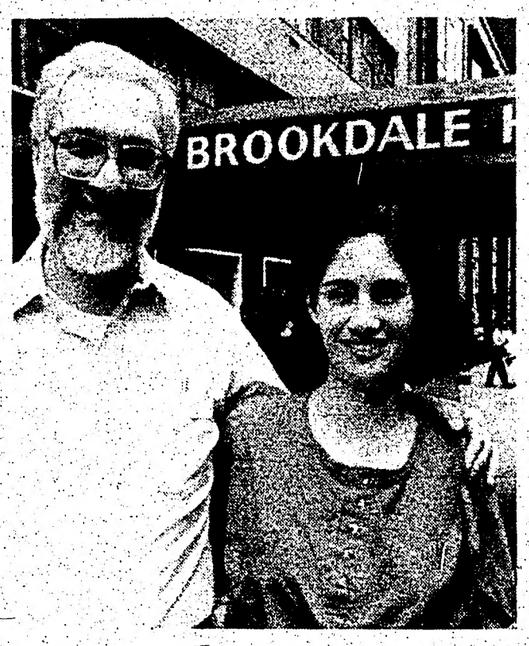
Jewish Vocational Service is offering a mid-life job crisis workshop for people in the mid-life career cycle experiencing change due to job loss or job dissatisfaction.

The focus will be on interests, personal qualities, values, skills, identification and self-marketing.

The workshop will be in discussion form using exercises and feedback techniques. The group will run for six consecutive weeks beginning Thursday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon at JVS, 74 Tycos Dr.

The workshop will be led by **Sandy Wise**, career counsellor, and **Fran Giddens**, placement counsellor. The fee is $250 (fees are adjustable according to financial circumstances).

For registration, call Sandy Wise or Fran Giddens at 787-1151.



LIKE FATHER... LIKE DAUGHTER

Toronto resident Rabbi Chaim Sacknovitz, who received smicha (ordination) from Yeshiva University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1968, helps daughter Ilana move into Brookdale Residence Hall in mid-Manhattan, marking the start of the school year. Ilana, 18, will be a sophomore at the university's Stern College for Women, an undergraduate division of liberal arts and sciences.

ORT SECOND HAND STORE

Toronto Women's ORT is opening a second hand store and is offering a service to the community to pick up household contents and furnishings, jewelry and gently used clothing.

If you have any usable items that you would like picked up, call 787-0297.

CECC & TOY LIBRARY HAVE MOVED

The Central Eglinton Community Centre (CECC), as well as the CECC Toy Library (formerly known as the North Toronto Toy Library), have moved to a new location at 635 Mount Pleasant Rd., Toronto, M4S 2M9. The telephone number remains the same at 487-4096.

PROGRAM FOR ASSAULTED WOMEN

Thanks to a pilot project funded by the ministry of community and social services, the YWCA of Metropolitan Toronto is launching Breakthrough, a new program that will address the needs of assaulted women.

The Breakthrough program is for any woman who has experienced emotional, physical or sexual abuse. It will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30-11.30 a.m. or Tuesday evenings from 6.30-8.30, beginning the middle of September, at Warden Woods Community Centre, 74 Firvalley Rd., Scarborough.

The program is free, and free on-site childcare and TTC tickets are provided. The centre is wheelchair accessible.

For more information, call the YWCA at 961-8100 and ask for Breakthrough.

BARON BYNG HIGH SCHOOL

Those of you who attended the last Baron Byng High School Grand Reunion in Montreal in 1980 will know what an exciting event that was. At long last, a committee is planning another such party to take place in Toronto at the beginning of 1989.

If you are interested in attending, call **Henry Gordon** or **Zita Gordon** at (416) 785-9118.

COMPASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS

Compassionate volunteers are required to visit, one on one, with Alzheimer patients at the Queen Elizabth Hopsital, Short Term Assessment and Treatment Centre.

Contact the hospital volunteer department at 597-5111, local 3058, if you are interested.

NEW POLICE PHONE NUMBER

A reminder that the new Metropolitan Toronto Police telephone number is 324-2222. The new address is 40 College St.

Please note: For crimes in progress and life threatening emergencies **only**, call 911.

EMUNAH WOMEN MEETING

Emunah Women of Toronto is holding its opening evening and membership night on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 7.45 p.m. at B'nai Torah Synagogue, 465 Patricia Ave.

Ariella Cotler

Ariella Cotler, former advisor to **Menachem Begin** and authority on events in Israel, will be the guest speaker.

Dessert will be served.

For further information, call 635-9847 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

The Kashruth Council — Orthodox Division, Toronto Jewish Congress, will be operating the COR Kosher Cooking School this fall. The three courses, under the direction of **Vivian Anhang** a teacher and home economist, include —

Series V1 — Cooking for Two and Entertaining, two sessions on Tuesday evenings, Oct. 11 and 18. The fee for two sessions is $25 per person, $40 per couple.

Series V2 — Gourmet Cooking Made Easy, one session on Tuesday evening, Nov. 1. The fee is $15 per person.

Series V3 — Singles Plus for Guys and Gals, two sessions on Tuesday evenings, Nov. 15 and 22. The fee for the two sessions is $25 per person.

All classes will be held at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St.

Fees are payable by post-dated checks (date of first class) to the Kashruth Council, Toronto Jewish Congress, and mailed to **Cynthia Gasner**, Kashruth Council, Toronto Jewish Congress, 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 240, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2. Be sure to state which course you are registering for. Since enrolment is limited, applications will be handled on a first come, first serve basis.

If you would like further information and/or registration details, call the Kashruth Council at 635-9550.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Starting Tuesday, Oct. 18, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue will be offering two levels of conversational Hebrew lessons — intermediate-advanced on Tuesday evenings and beginners on Thursday evenings.

The classes will be held from 8-9.30 p.m. for nine sessions with teacher **Yael Lev**.

For registration and information, call the synagogue office at 789-3219.

KWINTER VISITS CAMP EITAN

Monte Kwinter, Ontario's minister of industry, trade and technology, recently visited Camp Eitan in Eitz Chaim School on Patricia Ave. Kwinter, seen here addressing youngsters at the camp, stressed the importance of young Jews to develop a strong sense of their Jewish identity.

TEEN CONNECTION

Make the connection with Teen Connection. This is a great new Jewish youth group for all 7th and 8th graders to become connected and become a part of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO). Teen Connection offers a wide variety of programs such as socials, athletic games, outings — but most of all, it is fun!

Teen Connection is coordinated and supervised by dedicated B'nai B'rith staff and will run most of its programs out of the BB House, 15 Hove St.

If you would like more information or would like your son or daughter to receive mail about Teen Connection, contact **Vicky Gosewich** at 635-9411.

DANCE WITH EMUNAH

A few places are still open for Israeli folkdancing with Emunah Women of Toronto.

Classes at intermediate and advanced levels will be held on Sundays, starting Oct. 16. Classes for teens and girls, grades 4-8, will be held on Wednesdays, starting Oct. 5. All classes are for women only and will be held at B'nai Torah Synagogue, 465 Patricia Ave.

For more information and registration, call 635-9847 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

SINGLES CONGREGATIONS NETWORK

Singles Congregations Network's first annual New Year's dance is set for Saturday, Oct. 1, at 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

Tickets are $7 in advance (available at the Jewish Community Centre — northern, Bloor and Valley branches) or $9 at the door. For more information, call 824-7214.

HOLY BLOSSOM STUDY GROUP

Come for an interesting morning with Holy Blossom Temple women's study group and hear great speakers talk on a variety of topics related to Judaism and women's issues.

The group meets in the youth actiivity room every Tuesday morning, beginning Sept. 27 and continues through June. The speakers begin at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome, non-members as well. Babysitting for all ages is available at 9.30 a.m.

For more information, contact **Esther Zeller-Cooper** at 787-8749.

NEW JEWISH AGENDA

The Toronto Chapter of New Jewish Agenda is looking forward to its 3rd year of activities on the Tikkun Olam front.

NJA's 5,000 members across North America actively foster traditional Jewish values of peace and social justice, and promote Jewish participation in progressive coalitions. Meetings are held the last Sunday of every month, alternating chapter business meetings with program events.

For further information, call 651-8500 or 652-3812.

KIDNEY FOUNDATION PEANUTS

The Kidney Foundation is selling bags of nutritious, low sodium peanuts to raise money for research, public education and patients services.

Each $3 bag of peanuts contains 18 handy snack-packs, excellent for lunches or treats. Bags are being sold by the box to individuals and through hospitals, corporations and schools. Boxes can be ordered by calling the chapter office at 445-0373. Orders of three or more boxes will be delivered free.

5749—YEAR OF FAMILY PURITY

Rabbi Michel Neuman, founder of the Committee of Jewish Family Purity, proclaims the year 5749 The Year Of Family Purity. An expanded outreach effort to educate Jewish families with the laws of family purity is now beginning. To this end the committee will send, free of charge, its booklet, The Code of Jewish Family Purity, to anyone who requests it. It is available in English, Hebrew, Yiddish, Spanish,

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Should any group, congregation or organization wish to distribute these booklets, they may be requested in any quantity.

To receive the booklets, write to JFP, 27 Maple Terrace, Monsey, NY, 10952.

for seniors

Beth Sholom Seniors will meet Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 7.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. The entertainer will be **Gord Lindsa**. Refreshments will be served. For information, call **Eve Donsky**, vice-president and publicity chairman, at 782-1068.

LZA Seniors Club announces that due to the holidays, all regular activities will be postponed until after Succoth...The next regular luncheon meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 11.30 a.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Final payment for the Miami trip will be collected at that time. A few seats are still available for the Miami trip and only two seats are available for the Las Vegas trip on Oct. 16. For information, phone **Libby Ravka** at 782-2059 or the LZA Seniors office at 633-8579...Bingo for members and friends will commence Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 2 p.m. at the Borochov Centre...All regular activities will begin again after the holidays with shuffleboard on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. and the Cultural Circle on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program for women 55-69 years of age meets every second Sunday from 12.30-2 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The group coordinator is **Toby Warsh**. The next meeting is Sunday, Sept. 25. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The Widows 70 and Over Program at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., meets every second Sunday from 1-2.30 p.m. in the conference room. The next meeting is Sunday, Sept. 25. The coordinator is **Micky Zimmerman**. For information, call 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The Self-Help Widowers Program for men 55 years and over meets every second Sunday from 10.30 a.m. to noon in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The coordinator is **Alan Steinberg**. The next meeting is Sunday, Sept. 25. For information, call 789-5131, ext. 2269.

Bloor Y Seniors programs beginning at the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) include bridge, Coffeehouse 60, Good Age Club, and the new exciting Bloor's Intergenerational Amateur Choir. For information, contact **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

Workmen's Circle Social Club will be meeting for lunch and bingo on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 11.30 a.m. at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. If you haven't signed up for the Miami trip, there are still a few tickets left. Also, the club announces that **David Newman** joins **Shirley Grotell** in the leadership of the club. Be sure to come out on Tuesday to meet him. For information, you can call Mr. Newman at 787-8146 or Mrs. Grotell at 222-7727.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., reports that arrangements for the Hawaiian trip have been very successful including a very congenial group...Daily programs, including drama group, will continue after the High Holidays...The Succoth program on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 1 p.m. features **Cantor Albert Feldman**, who will entertain with music and song in Hebrew, Yiddish and English. Refreshments will be served. The charge is $1.50 members, $2 guests. For information about all programs, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club's grand Simchat Torah dinner dance is being held Saturday, Oct. 1, at 6.30 p.m. with dinner catered by Stroli's at 7 p.m. and dancing with a live band from 8-11. This is for members only and takes place at the Earl Bales Community Centre...The fall color tour, for members only, is coming up Tuesday, Oct. 18. The cost of $12 includes tour of Orangeville, Shelbourne, Stayner and Barrie, visits to farmers' market and woollen mill in Bradford and a drive around Lake Simcoe...Membership of $6 for the year includes Tai Chai, shuffleboard, ballroom dance classes, dancersise, art class, fitness, rummycube, bingo, movies, concerts, woodwork, acrylic workshop and weekly Saturday night dances at the club house. For information, contact **Jeanette** at 636-7856, Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma invites you to join the new Wednesday afternoon program for Israelis 55 years of age and over who enjoy socializing and good Hebrew conversation. The group meets from 2-3.30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. Refreshments are served. For information, call **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5131, ext. 2273 days or **Ephraim Dloomy** at 631-7546 evenings...A social afternoon featuring humorist **Philip Cohen** with accompanist **Ella Krylov** is planned for Sunday, Sept. 25, from 2-3 p.m. in the Assembly Room...Take-out kosher meals are available seven days a week for only $5.25 daily (except for Friday dinner which is $7.25). Meals can be prepared for salt free, bland, diabetic or regular diets. To order your meal, just come to the Wagman Centre office and purchase your take-out ticket and then bring it to the food services office. Meal tickets must be purchased one day in advance. If you have any questions, call **Sharon Bizouati** at 785-2430.

The Diamond Jubilee Club, which meets at 968 Eglinton Ave. W., upstairs, is open for your entertainment such as dancing and dancersise with **Ada Goldblatt**, crafts, cards, movies, travel and refreshments. Come out and enjoy on Sunday afternoons at 2. For information, call 782-5024...The club has appointed artist **Tutzi Seguin** to teach arts and crafts in her studio. There is no fee for seniors, just a charge for materials. For information, call her at 783-0781.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is presenting a seminar, How the New Tax Laws Affect Your Income, on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 1.30 p.m. The speaker will be **Teresa Tunnell**, account executive, Nesbitt Thompson Deacon Inc.

LLI is offering several courses in cooperation with the North York Board of Education Continuing Education. There is no charge for seniors and members. Non-members under 65 are charged $2 each class. These courses include —

Selected Topics in Social Psychology, an examination of social intercourse and behavior with **Andrew Shaul**, starts Tuesday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Dilemmas in World Politics with **Lev Gonick** starts Monday, Oct. 24 through to Nov. 21, from 1.30-3 p.m.

Computers for Seniors with **Sam Povering** and **George Nicholson** starts Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 1-3 p.m. Classes are limited to 16 students, so register early. There is a $5 charge for materials.

Creative Writing with **Jane Brinklow** on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. to noon.

at the jcc

Sunday at Bloor takes place Sunday, Sept. 25, at 11 a.m. at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). The series focuses on Investing Wisely with representatives from Merril Lynch. The charge is $5. For information, call **Florence Marantz** at 924-6211.

The Bloor Y has a wide range of programs for children, ages 5 and up, including after school Beaver programs and babysitting courses, gymnastics and swimming. For information, call 924-6211.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.*

Metro Toronto Singles Presents Singles Sukkot Party at **Tangerine,** 240 Richmond St. W. at Duncan. Sunday, September 25th, 8:00 p.m. $8.00 Intercity Singles Weekend, October 7-9, in Toronto. **222-7111.** Singles Connector is coming.

Total Living Mature Singles invites you to their pre-Sukkot Dance featuring music by D.J. Saturday, September 24, 8:00 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre. Refreshments, prizes. Members $4.00, non-members $6.00.

JCC Valley Singles Network, Thursday, September 29, 8:00 p.m. 7015 Leslie St. "Office Politics — Yes or No?" Guest speaker Alan Simons concludes his four-part series on how men react to women executives. Refreshments $5.00. Information: 889-0813.

Singles Congregations Network — New Years Dance. Saturday, October 1st, 8:00 p.m. at Beth Emeth. 100 Elder. Tickets $7.00, available at JCC: Bloor, North, Valley and Beth Emeth. $9.00 at the door. Information 821-7214.

Former Hadassah v-p dies

MONCTON —

Louise Cohen, wife of Reuben Cohen of Moncton, a former national vice-president of Hadassah, died here recently at the age of 59.

She was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Moncton in 1987.

She was on the board of Canada World Youth, and a member of the administrative councils of the National Arts Centre, Ottawa, and the National Ballet School, Toronto. She was honorary chairman of the Moncton Arts Centre, and on the boards of the Greater Moncton Foundation, the Moncton Museum and the A.J. MacMaster School of Nursing.

Born in Montreal, she spent her early days in New Waterford, NS, moving to Los Angeles with her family as a youngster. She attended the University of California. It was on a visit to her sister in Moncton that she met and married Reuben Cohen in 1951.

Judy Jacobson, former Moncton Hadassah president, served on the national executive with her and recalled how she was warmly welcomed to Moncton by her 18 years ago.

Louise Cohen

"She was such an extraordinary lady, with humbleness and kindness, and a sense of sharing. She was so generous, and shared herself with so many people," said Jacobson.

Cohen was a strong supporter of the Aliyah campaigns and of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters Debbie (Mrs. Peter Moffat) and Natalie (Mrs. Michael Smith) and two grandchildren.

Yiddish weekend set for October

TORONTO —

The special guest at the 4th annual Friends of Yiddish weekend Oct. 14-16 at Blue Mountain Inn in Collingwood will be Dora Wasserman, director of a Jewish theatre troupe in Montreal.

All accommodation is under one roof and all meals are dairy and fish. The use of all Blue Mountain Inn facilities is included in the room cost of $200 per person for members and $235 for non-members, with $60 extra for singles.

All participants will have a chance to act, sing, dance or play an instrument.

For information call Brina Rose, 633-7461 or Mary Barrer, 638-5279.

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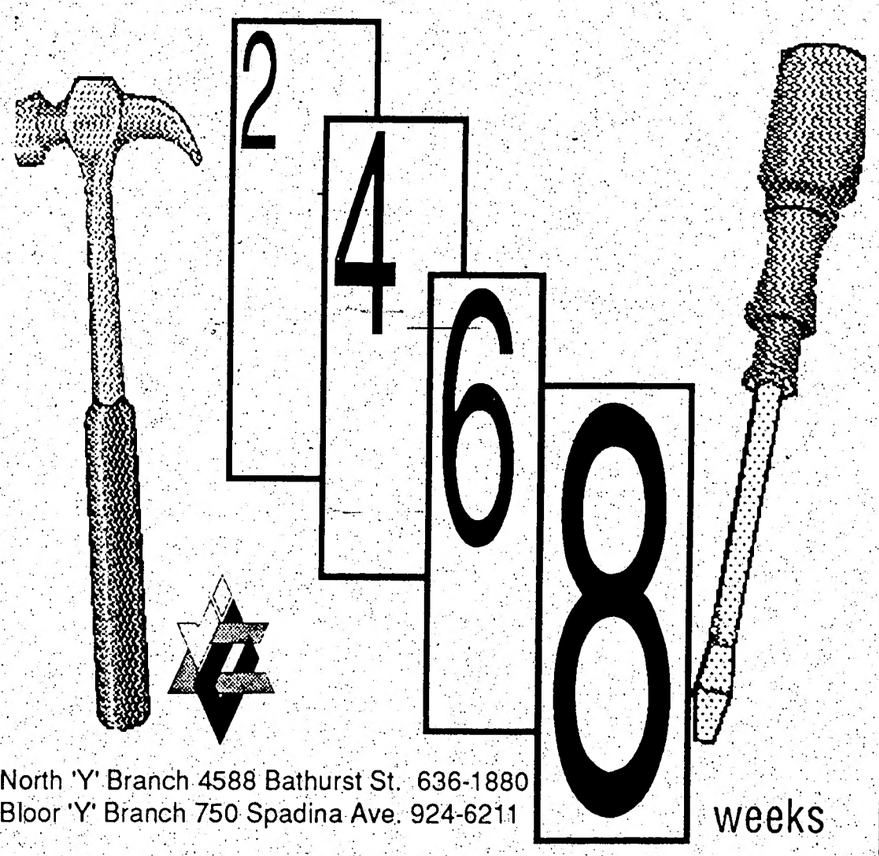

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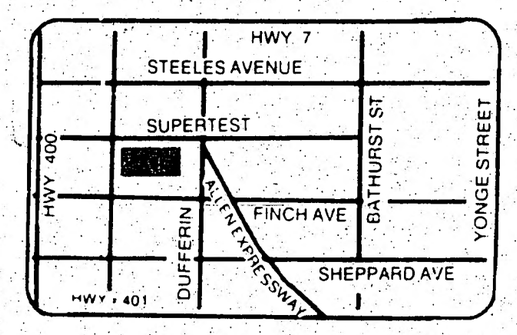

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Organizations and People

Idea originated in Toronto

Winnipeg gets communal professional group

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — The recent inaugural meeting of Winnipeg's new Jewish Professional Group saw the establishment of a program committee and a resolution passed to try to affiliate with international Jewish communal professional groups.

"This has been in the works since last September,' David Wilder of Winnipeg's Israel Bonds organization told the 30 people in attendance at the YMHA Jewish Community Centre. "Neil Silvert brought the idea with him from Toronto when he came here last fall to serve as director of the Combined Jewish Appeal."

Silvert was part of a group of over 200 Jewish professionals in Toronto who met regularly to hear speakers and discuss issues of importance. The organization gives Jewish communal professionals the opportunity for educational, social and professional networking.

"The community being the size it is has a lot of the lay people wearing many hats," said David Wilder. "The lay people know what is going on. The executive directors of Jewish organizations should, too.

"A lot of us executive directors also complain about the waste of limited resources such as the duplication of information. Lists of addresses and phone numbers are already listed at the WJCC offices, for example."

Wilder also spoke of possible medical and dental plans for executives of the smaller organizations through the Professional Group as well as the enhancement of Jewish professionals' images.

The Winnipeg Jewish Professional Group is open to rabbis, teachers in the Jewish school systems and social workers with the Jewish Child and Family Service in addition to executives of Israeli and local Jewish organizations in the city.

The steering committee consists of Wilder and Neil Silvert of the CJA, Brenda Barrie of the WJCC, Rabbi Shalom Rappaport of the Rosh Pina Synagogue, Naomi Globerman of the YMHA, Raizelle Kovnats of ORT, and Gloria Polsky of the Beth Israel Synagogue.

Tel Aviv professor receives first therapeutic humor award

By
ROSE KLEINER

TORONTO — Prof. Avner Ziv, of the school of education at Tel Aviv University, has been voted the first recipient of the Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, which has just been established by the American Association for Therapeutic Humor.

Ziv has been actively involved for many years with the International Conference on Jewish Humor. He was the organizer of the International Humor Conference which was held at Tel Aviv University several years ago, and which brought participants from all over the world to Israel. He is also involved with the new professional journal, Humor.

A pioneer in the field of humor and education, Ziv has written numerous articles and books on the subject. Through his work he has reached out to thousands of people across many cultures and languages, said an association spokesman.

Ziv will be presented with the award during the Power of Laughter and Play Conference, being held in Toronto this week.

In the process of planning the Third International Conference on Jewish Humor, Ziv, while in Canada, will explore the possibility of holding the conference in this country.

The Power of Laughter and Play Conference, being held at Toronto's Sheraton Centre, has scheduled a wide range of programs, workshops and forums dealing with humor as it relates to health, work, business, education and lifestyle.

Laugh Your Way to Health, Humor As a Healing Tonic, and The Power of Humor In The Work Environment are some of the topics that will be discussed.

The conference will feature world-famous entertainer Steve Allen and his physician son, Steve Allen, Jr., in a program entitled Healing Entertainers and Entertaining Healers.

Medical school gets bequest

By
MYRON LOVE

SASKATOON, Sask. — The University of Saskatchewan's medical college has just recieved the largest bequest in it's history.

Dr. Irvin Schulman, a long time Saskatoon physician who died two years ago, left the medical college $1 million in honor of his father, the late Dr. Louis Schulman. The elder Schulman was a general practitioner in Saskatoon from 1926 until his death in 1969.

Dr. Irvin Schulman joined his father in practice in 1948. He retired in 1972. Schulman never married and had only one brother.

Interest earned on the Schulman bequest will go toward cancer, geriatric and psychiatric research, three areas of particular interest to Schulman.

"The university is extremely pleased to have received this bequest," said Dr. Ian McDonald, dean of the medical college. "This comes at a time when medical schools across medical schools across Canada, and especially those in the have-not provinces, are having trouble finding money to support research activities.

"Although Dr. Schulman became a physician before we had an accredited medical program here, he did attend the university's 2-year program and he has become a good role model for other graduates of secondary institutions," McDonald said.

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Organizations and People

Diamond sees big picture

This is one of a series of profiles of young Jewish leaders in the Toronto area

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By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

When it comes to higher education, Stephen Diamond is one person who can see the big picture.

The 36-year-old Toronto native and vice-president of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University views that institution not merely as just another centre for higher learning but as one of the best ways Israel can maintain its military edge over the Arabs.

"Where we can't fight with our numbers, we just have to fight with our brains," says Steve who has striven to attract more chapter contributors by scheduling breakfast meetings and luncheons on the Demjanjuk case, the intifada and the role of Hebrew U itself.

Indeed, Daniel Ben Natan, the university's director of communications, recently spoke on the latter two subjects to the chapter's board of directors in Toronto.

Another way Steve hopes to attract more contributors is by staging a 2-week-long mission (next year or in 1990) to Hebrew U for contributors and others interested in the university's work. In addition to meetings with faculty and students and visits to the four Hebrew U campuses, the mission would also include a tour of Israel.

But not all of Steve's plans are specifically aimed at Hebrew U supporters. Two public events are now in the works. One will be a screening of a film narrated by Dr. Ruth Westheimer on the 50th anniversary of the Holocaust. The other will be a panel discussion on the implications of both the Israeli and U.S. elections.

If Steve has a mission, it's fighting apathy — specifically, what he says is the apathy of Canadian Jews towards Israel. That this fight must be won is something about which he has no doubts. Indeed, he believes the Diaspora's continued viability rests squarely on the existence of a Jewish state.

"The Jewish people in history have been a stronger people when there has been a State of Israel," he notes, adding that people gain respect when they have a homeland of their own.

To make sure Jews keep theirs, Steve is trying to get more Hebrew U alumni (both Canadians and Israelis) to join the Toronto chapter. It's important he succeeds. After all, he notes, it's difficult to raise money from alumni in a comparatively poor country like Israel which boasts few millionaires.

What it does boast, however, is an indomitable spirit. Steve himself saw as much during a visit last year to Hebrew U's Mt. Scopus campus.

What amazed him, he says, was how vulnerable the site is to attack. But what also amazed him was the tough acceptance of this reality: bunker-like classrooms deliberately set below grade to protect students and a network of underground pedestrian walkways.

But strch determination wasn't what started Steve working for the university. Hebrew U's pedagogical pre-eminence was. As he himself points out, Hebrew U is not only Israel's largest institution of higher learning but also its most distinguished. Then, too, says Steve, supporting Hebrew U is an investment in Israel's future.

That investment will probably yield good dividends given his long association with the Toronto chapter. A member since 1984, he became co-chairman of the new leadership division a year later and vice president of the chapter this spring.

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

Making a difference

Murray Perelman and Alan Sandler, Lawyers and Accountants Divisions, respectively, flank Garth Drabinsky who was the keynote speaker at Outlook '89 at Sheraton Centre.

Garth Drabinsky's smitten and he doesn't care who knows it.

The object of his eternal affection is the State of Israel where only last June he led a UJA Media Mission. That's the way it is with first-time visitors to the Jewish homeland — love at first sight — and the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cineplex Odeon Corporation is no exception. He just may be more articulate about his feelings.

That clearly came across to a capacity audience in the Civic Ballroom of the Sheraton Centre. The occasion was Outlook '89, a joint program of the Lawyers and Accountants Divisions, headed respectively by **Michael Daren** and **John Wiseman, Joseph Feldman** and **Murray Perelman.**

Julia Koschitzky, who addressed the gathering, attended with her co-chairman **Don Rafelman**. As she looked over the packed room from the podium, she commented that the turnout was "indicative of what is happening across the campaign." Toronto UJA, she added, was now conducting the fourth largest campaign in North America.

Drabinsky, whose company owns and operates 1,700 screens throughout North America, took time out from a gruelling business schedule (he had just returned from a fast business trip to Europe and Israel that day) to bring his message of the urgent need for "more support" financial and moral, for the State of Israel.

Getting involved as a contributor and worker, he said "can give a Jew no better sense of personal fulfillment. Israel is not perfect, but her existence is of lasting benefit to humanity. We must not rely on others to decide our own fate."

Alan Sandler, Accountants Division vice-chairman, welcomed the large gathering and thanked Drabinsky at the progam's close. Introduction of the keynote speaker was made by Lawyers Division co-chairman, **Murray Perelman.**

Members of the committee responsible for organizing the program are **Geofrey Bledin, Elaine Gortler, Barry Sacks, Stan Wax** and **Alan Winer.**

Twenty legal and accounting firms assumed sponsorship for Outlook '89.

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As this column is being written, 30 women are enjoying a special trip to Washington, led by Mission leader **Barbara Bank.** From breakfast and briefing at the Israeli Embassy, the Pentagon, the Capital Children's Museum where there is a Holocaust exhibit, to an evening at the Kennedy Centre, it's a busy and rewarding two days arranged through Women's Campaign.

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As you read this, **Super Sunday** will have been a "fait accompli" and we have no doubts whatsoever, that it will be another record-breaking day. Judging from the unprecedented response from volunteers for each of the four designated shifts, it is expected to be an exceptional day.

We'll have a complete report next week.

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The Business & Professional Women's Network had a fascinating evening program at the Park Plaza Hotel last week. Guest speaker was **Susan Maddox,** the gutsy lady who blew the whistle on **Jim Keegstra.** A resident of Eckville, Alberta, she became aware of the poisonous, anti-semitic perversion of history being taught in the local high school when she read her son's notes.

She lobbied for Keegstra's dismissal and had a key role in bringing him to trial.

Mrs. Maddox is a wonderful example of responsible citizenship in a democracy.

Hedy Frisch, headed a dinner committee which included **Edie Harlang, Zoe Margolis, Joyce Saifer, Avrona Schachter, Donna Shier** and **Karen Green.**

B&P co-chairmen are **Leslie Gales** and **Maxine Granovsky,** with **Susan Gordin,** heading the fundraising end.

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There's nothing like discovering your own community! At least that's the way it was for a busload of men and women in the Real Estate Division, when they took a morning off to see some of the local facilities and special services made possible through the UJA network.

From a group home for troubled teens to a group residence for seniors (Elm Ridge), to the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, they saw a sample of where the money goes and who the beneficiaries are.

Very pleased with the morning program were chairman **Albert Brown,** along with his co-chairmen **Marvin Cohen, Clive Miller** and **David Wagman.**

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Due to the holidays and bunched-up deadlines, we have been unable to do justice to the fantastic amount of activity in so many divisions ... opening meetings, special events and so on.

We'll be covering each of them and the people involved in this column and in special articles on a weekly basis from now on, and promise to catch up on all that's gone on and going on.

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Fashion

Canadian talent flaunted creations

Advanced designer show featured variety of styles

As it's The CJN's policy to publish stories about garments in the season in which consumers can purchase them, we held back most of our extensive coverage of last spring's Festival of Canadian Fashion. In the coming weeks, we'll showcase the fall styles that were presented there.

By
WENDY ROSEN

There was something for almost every taste at the advanced designer collection presented by the Fashion Group and Hamil Textiles during the Festival of Canadian Fashion.

Styles ranged from wide slacks to pencil-thin slacks — usually above the ankle — while skirts ranged from short and skin tight to flared and below the knee.

Skirts, especially the short ones, had slits in the back.

Jackets ranged from single-buttoned and cropped to double-breasted and below the derriere — a couple even had pleats going down from the waist in the back to give a more flowing look.

There were collars, some with fur adornments, and some with no collars.

The one thing the styles of 12 designers from three Canadian cities — Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg — had in common was the color or rather the lack of it. Black, which can be sexy, somber or dramatic depending upon the mood of the wearer, was used so much by the individual designers that it dulled the senses except when used effectively with white or red.

Comrags opened the show with a black and red grouping that featured tight slacks cut above the ankle, form-fitting skirts in both a below-the-knee and shorter version. Both of these were worn with long cardigan-style sweaters.

Yes and No featured two outlandish groupings. The styles in the first, tight skirts worn with what appeared to be quilted zippered jackets with zippered pockets across the bustline and a leather cap reminiscent of a bathing cap. With black hose it would be a biker's dream.

The second grouping was the stuff to strut by — and the models did. For evening, also entirely in black, were variations of the same dress — all off-the-shoulder with straps crossing in the back to allow the skin to peek out.

Coba Reece featured a long black leather jacket and matching slacks that were accented with gold piping. The selection of dresses showed black leather inserts on a knit-type fabric.

Mekito's styles stood out if only for the colors. These groupings teamed bright yellow with kelly green. Green slacks and matching turtleneck were teamed with a long cardigan sweater in a darker shade of green with yellow pattern. The slacks were tucked into Robin Hood-style boots. Another outfit was a mustard full skirt and turtleneck coordinated with the same patterned sweater but in a long V-neck pullover.

Bob Hii also ventured away — albeit slightly — from the black mood. He offered a striking taupe-and-black striped, long double-breasted jacket teamed with a black turtleneck and short skirt. A solid taupe jacket, pleated and flowing out from the waist in the back, was worn with black slacks and turtleneck.

Winnipeg's Trace Design featured a striking red knit sweater and skirt with black tassels hung at various locations on both pieces. In the dress grouping, leather was used as a contrast. A long taupe skirt featured black leather at the waistband and at the shoulders.

Rosa DiPierro of Montreal featured mostly black creations but also dark green accented with navy. Featured was a brown, navy and yellow check jacket worn with a navy short skirt, which was slit up the back. The skirt was only about five inches longer than the jacket.

Also from Montreal was George Levesque Pour Scandale. He offered a

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Styles by Mekito stood out for their departure from the obsession with black displayed at the Advanced Designer Collection. (Rough Layout photo)

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Styles by Loucas led the way at the National Designer Show. (Marie-Josee Crete photo)

National show doesn't hit mark

By
MARIE MOORE

When no less than three fashion industry giants — Ray Ban, Clairol and Toronto Life Fashion — put their heads together and announce The National Designer Show one is likely to check the chair for a seat belt.

Unfortunately, I found neither the safety device nor the need for it, during the show that followed. Of the six labels presented, only three were notably impressive and only two earned national recognition status.

At the top of the list was Loucas. Toasty beige, tan and chestnut composed his warm palette. Delicate double-knit merino wool in romantic, crocheted-trim separates created his soft mood for fall.

Knickers or long, high-waisted skirts worn under cap-sleeve tops that barely fell below the bodice reflected his unique sense of style.

Hemlines were wonderful — they twisted into sidelong bells or gathered into a buttoned slit at the back. A third alternative was a slightly drawn hemline that clung to the legs.

Even his tweeds (popular with several designers) received novel treatment. Rib-knit patches detailed fox-hunt jackets, providing us with multiple texture surfaces.

It appeared to be a well-finished collection, too. Fitting was obviously not a problem and there were no puckers, gaps and lopsided shoulder-pads visible. A good collection.

Comrags hasn't altered its style much, but the colors and textures have changed slightly. Joyce Gunhouse and Judy Cornish were recently quoted in Toronto Life Fashion as "drawing inspiration from the Marx Brothers and the old Bing Crosby/Bob Hope movie, Road to Utopia, for fall."

I'm not sure I caught the connection, but I do like the girdled skirts, the wrapped dresses, fine-knit sweaters and semi-sheer fabrications found in their skirts, blouses and dress designs.

Schoolgirl jumpers and shortie sweaters or clingy, knit tops reinforced the innocence of previous collections, but there's no doubt that a feeling of sophistication and maturity is developing in this lineup. That's a first for Comrags, and it's a good sign. An interesting collection.

Neto Leather introduced a selection of double-breasted jackets with classic lapels and epaulettes worn over tightly tailored pants. Fur-lined jackets and pleated leather skirts followed.

Empire-line influence, sporty zippered accents and slim silhouettes in black and russet lent flavor to the collection. The label shows talent but my overall impression is that there's something missing here. Perhaps if this grouping had been shown with newer designers, it would have seemed less unlikely a candidate.

Other participants in the show were Maryse Roye for Shiff (the fur hat boxes, umbrella covers and trunks were great — so great, in fact, that few people noticed the coats), Tayari (no comment) and Avi Tenzer, whose nondescript radical chic grouping evaporated from memory the instant it left the stage. A selection of Flamenco-inspired evening wear was a little more interesting to watch, but far too repetitive of other lines to be considered unique.

From a consumer point of view, I can imagine how confusing the lineup must have seemed. Where is the continuity when one jumps from funfur-lined coats to refined knits to the Marx Brothers to aggressive leathers to radical chic?

As a fashion journalist, I found the collection embarrassing. It was difficult explaining to foreign counterparts that this National Designers Show really did little to represent the talent in the Canadian fashion industry. For the most part — with the exception of Loucas and Comrags — the clothes and the billing were highly over-rated.

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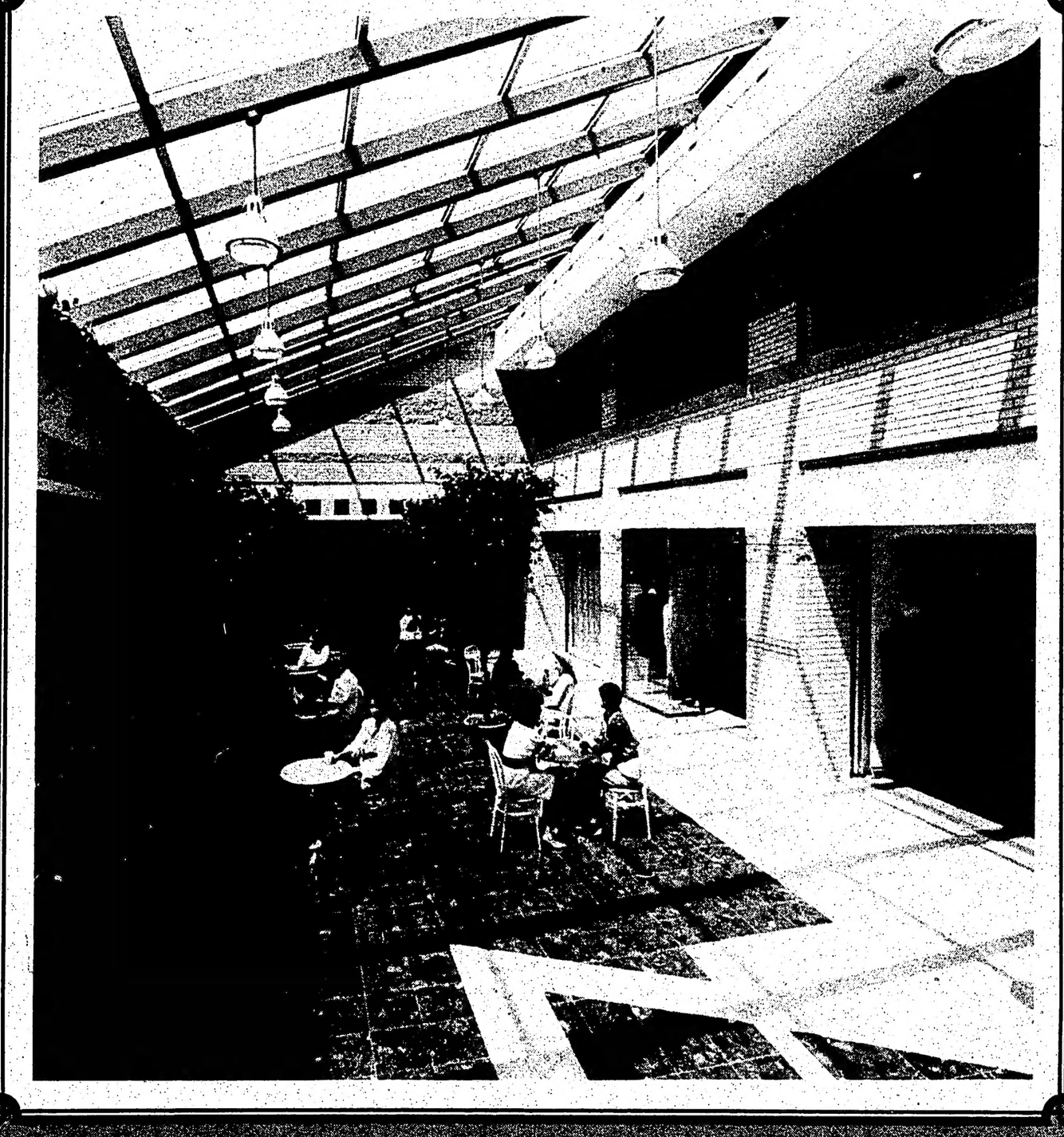

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Black dominated colorations

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black dress with high collar that dipped into a slight V. The asymmetrical skirt, which was form-fitting, was draped and had a pointed ending below the knee.

Toronto's Dean Hutchinson featured a black-and-cream tuxedo-style collarless long plaid jacket with a short skirt as well as black skirts — both full and tight — worn with white shirts and a jacket (long and short were both shown).

From Montreal, Mode Genet Device offered some unusual color combinations in its collection of short culotte-like dresses, short dresses with almost knickers and mini skirts. Mode Genet teamed an ensemble of purple, red and green with yellow hose and green Robin Hood-style boots. The skirt was a mini in the back but fell below the knee in the front.

Hoax Couture of Toronto featured a red-and-black outfit — an overall-style red dress with suspenders worn with a black jersey. A black mini with matching suspenders, hose and boots was teamed with a stark white shirt.

Wild, multicolored tops featuring your favorite cartoon superheros — Superman, Robin, Batman and Captain America — were offered by John Walke for Gloria Superstein, another of the Montreal firms here.

Dean Hutchinson's career wear offered a more sedate look than most of those presented at the Advanced Designer Collection. Subdued checks and plaids dominated his classy display. (Rough Layout photo)

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Ruth Wagner created this pumpkin-and-black knit ensemble. It was presented during the show sponsored by the Toronto Dress & Sportswear Manufacturer's Guild. (Rough Layout photo)

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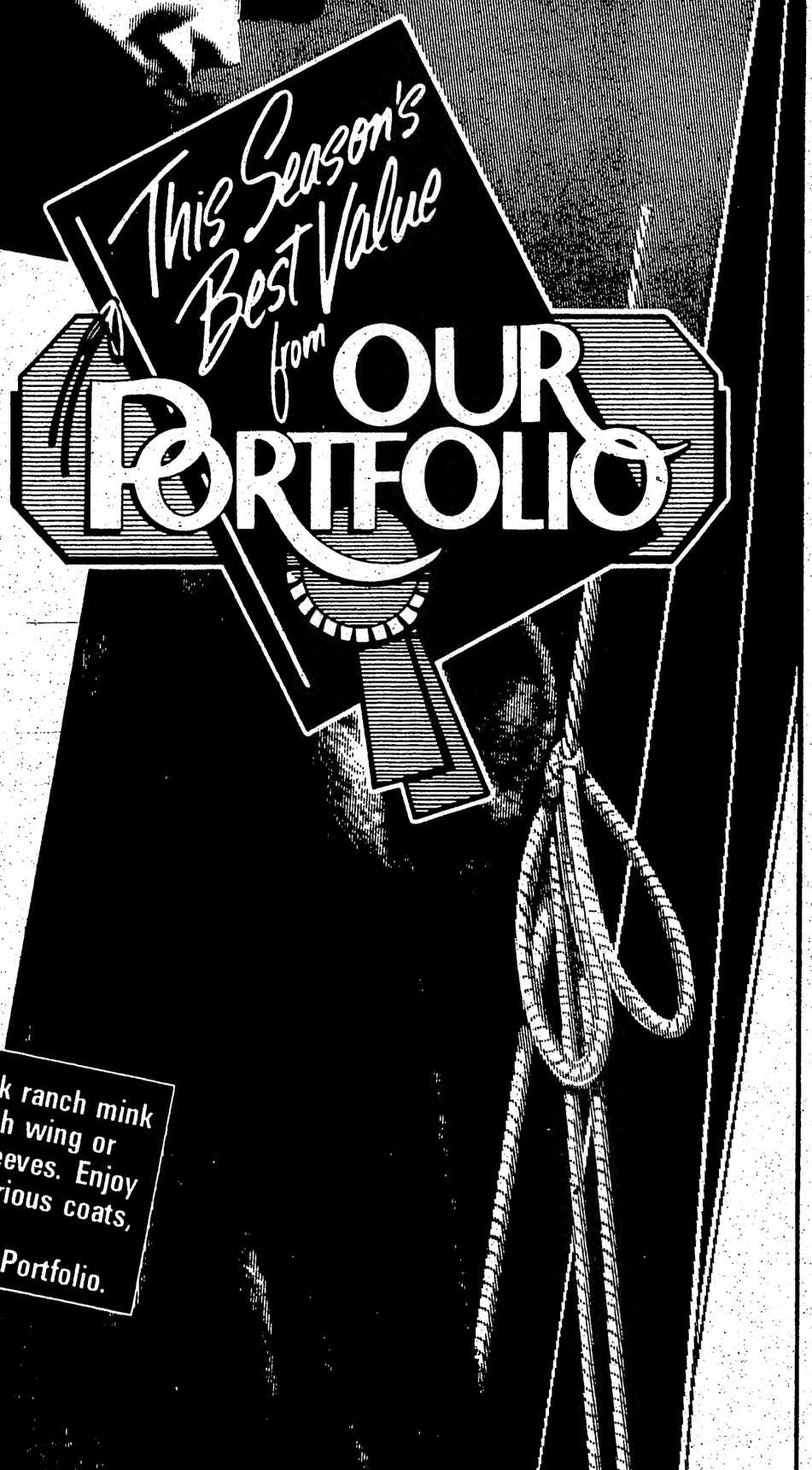

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Fashion

Garments ranged from coats to knitwear

Festival audience said oui to 8 Quebecers' styles

— By
MARIE MOORE

Maybelline Cosmetics and Toronto Life Fashion Magazine showcased the talents of eight Quebec designers at The Festival of Canadian Fashion.

Ariane Carle, Debbie Shuchat, Helen Levi, Hilary Radley, Judi Fried, Leighton Barrett, Lyse Spenard and Margaret Godfrey presented highlights of their collection to the packed audience.

Radley specializes in coats. Her suits have also become popular, but it's the jacket portion of the suit that sets her work apart — hence, we're back to coats. The British-born Radley has notable experience abroad. This probably lends to the maturity of her skills — her style is truly sophisticated by our standards.

This fall, Radley seems to focus on the waist. She does so with belting, pleating and seaming.

Her woollens — Radley was a finalist in the Woolmark Awards show and won the best collection prize at the 1st Montreal Pret — are extraordinary. They swing in short A-line silhouettes and drape beautifully in oversized floor-length "great coats." Each piece has a life of its own, and all appear wearable for most Canadian women.

Shuchat has just changed her labels again. The now defunct Moda Donna has been replaced by Tyfoon International. Her clothes comprise an intermixable coordinated sportswear lineup that will take you from the office to the shopping mall, to the theatre to the park. Her separates are made from natural fibres and fabric; these include leather, suede silk and natural yarns. Red and green are the featured shades in her fall collection.

Fried's collection of dresses reinforces the advantages of specializing. Like Radley, she does one thing best and it really shows. The standout element in Fried's work is her fabrication. On close inspection, the printed challis, jacquard velvets and wool flannels are beautifully finished. Styles seem to cut in the shape demanded by the fabric, creating unique flow in shape and form.

Carle is a study in transition. Her 100% wool fabric is classic. Her forest green, black, camel and red colorations are basic, yet her sense of style is in total contrast. Carle combines such novel accents as brocade and lace to emphasize a softly rounded shoulder, distinct waist and simple skirt. Her pieces remind me of Maid Marion, except that her skirts are short. It's an interesting and effective look.

Levi is the creator of Franco Ferraro Sportswear. The line is basically knits with leather, silk and applique trims. Her angora blends lend a super soft texture to the line that suggests feminism, even in sportier pieces. Unfortunately, I didn't have the opportunity to take a look at Levi's selection, but the runway samples seemed well-fitted and finished.

Excess detail

Spenard has been actively pursuing the market for just two short years. At the age of 30, she shows maturity, talent and promise. It's pretty obvious that her work will succeed. Her biggest fan is American giant Leslie Fay.

Already sold south of the border, Spenard's spring collection was a tad overwhelmed by detail. Her fall line has toned down although the claims of understatement are still off the mark. Lots of hip and waistline accents still make it a difficult line for women who bear a full figure. In keeping with her style though, Spanard's clothes are popular with the youth who can usually afford to add the extra inches at the midriff.

She designs separates in subtle shades and soft fabric. She has a penchant for plaids and small prints.

Godfrey, who designs for Bagatelle Canada, specializes in leather, although this year she has created a woven line which uses leather as a trim.

The line includes several styles of pants, skirts, jackets and coats.

Barrett has repeated his spring strategy in presenting four basic lines this fall. Two groups intermix; a floral print, 2-piece dress collection and solid, wool flannel separates. Another group is styled with straight or A-line short skirts and long or cropped jackets. It seems to have a youthful appearance, and appealed to the audience at the show.

The last collection is my favorite. This one is based on the combination of two neutrals; black and cream. The shades are intermixed as plaids, solids and stripes blend into ensembles that feature wide-legged pants, double-breasted jackets, classic skirts. It's a distinctly soft look, and Barrett should do well in the marketplace with this latest addition to his long list of credits.

Hilary Radley is the queen of Canadian coats. The country tweed fitted coat (left) and windowpane blanket coat shown are illustrative of her sophisticated styles.

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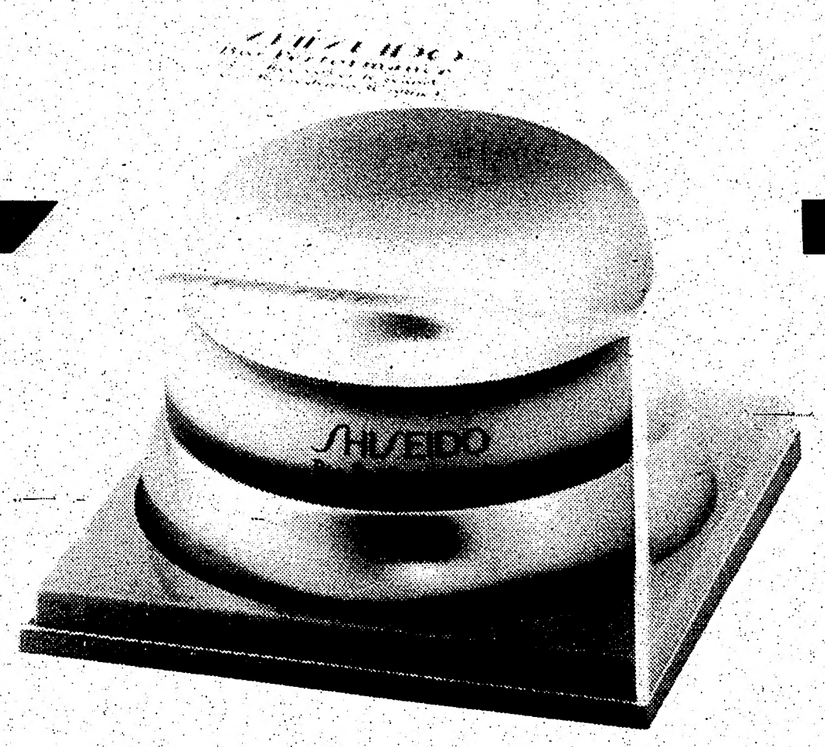

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Dead Ringers moves along briskly and efficiently

Cronenberg produces gripping psychological thriller

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

David Cronenberg has, not to put too fine a point on it, a vivid imagination.

Cronenberg, best known for *The Fly, The Brood, Scanners and Videodrome*, specializes in conveying biological horror.

In these films, eyeballs explode, heads burst open, bodies explode and human genes and molecules are fused with those of a common housefly.

Certainly, Cronenberg has established a well-deserved reputation as an exponent of the horror-fantasy film.

In his latest effort, *Dead Ringers*, which premiered at the recent Festival of Festivals and is now playing at Famous Players theatres, Cronenberg displays a residual interest in the functions of the human body. This time, however, he delves deeper into the human mind, and, in examining the process of insanity, he produces a rather gripping psychological thriller.

Two identical twins, Elliot and Beverly Mantle (both played by Jeremy Irons, thanks to the split-screen technique), practice medicine in a Toronto clinic. The brothers, who are inseparable, are world-renowned gynecologists who live together and share everything, women included.

In purely physical terms, they're dead ringers. But as far as their personalities are concerned, they're quite different. While Elliot is affable, glib and socially self-confident, Beverly is reserved, tactiturn and retiring.

Their unshakable relationship begins to fray at the edges when an attractive woman, Claire Niveau (Genevieve Bujold), enters their lives. Claire, an actress, has intimate relations with each of the brothers, initially not realizing the deception. Elliot wants nothing but a romantic fling, but Beverly, an incipient drug addict, falls in love with her.

When Elliot discovers that Claire likes Beverly, he tries to interest her in a menage-a-trois arrangement. But she rejects his proposition and makes it clear that they, Claire and Elliot, can only be platonic friends.

Beverly's attempt at love unravels his sanity, and Elliot is forced to adopt radical measures. The result is tragedy of a unique order.

Cronenberg's picture, which is shot in brooding grays and blacks against the backdrop of sleek Italian furniture, is a veritable descent into madness. Filmed in Toronto, *Dead Ringers* reeks of death and destruction.

Jeremy Irons plays Dr. Beverly Mantle and Genevieve Bujold plays Claire, the beautiful actress who causes a transformation in his strange relationship with his twin brother, Elliot.

Cronenberg generally stays clear of the biologically horrific. But in one ghastly scene, a dream sequence, Claire tries to sever the brothers' umbilical cord with her teeth.

Irons, who appears in practically every frame, is superb. Here is an actor who carries a picture on his shoulders effortlessly. Bujold, epitomizing seduction, lust and confusion, is a bold presence whose cultured French Canadian tones are a fitting counterpoint to Irons' cultivated British accent.

Dead Ringers, **cool and dispassionate, moves along briskly and efficiently, bearing down on its theme relentlessly. It's a shocker.**

Sweet intimacy in Quebec film

Revolving Doors engaging

TORONTO —

Quebecois movies have established Canada as a middle power in filmmaking. From *Les Bons Debarras* to *Le Declin De L'Empire Americain*, French Canadian directors have set the highest standards for cinema in this country.

In general, French Canadian films have not pandered to the fickle tastes of a mass audience and, to an astonishing degree, have catered to an artistic sensibility so relatively rare in American pictures.

Although there have been lapses, these pictures have been known for their fine scripts, their sure direction, and their superb acting. Rarely is a serious filmgoer disappointed by a made-in-Quebec film.

So it gives this reviewer much pleasure to report that Francis Mankiewicz's latest film, *Les portes tournantes (The Revolving Doors)*, which played to critical acclaim at the recent Cannes festival, falls into that aforementioned category.

Premiered in Canada at the Festival of Festivals, and scheduled to begin its commercial run at Famous Players theatres, *The Revolving Doors* is an engaging, empathetic picture about the pull of family ties.

Madrigal Blaudelle (Gabriel Arcand), a somewhat misanthropic artist, has not seen his mother, Celeste, in years. Now, separated from his wife, Lauda (Miou-Miou), he lives alone with his precocious son, Antoine (Francois Methe).

A battered brown suitcase arrives in the mail. It's from Celeste, a jazz pianist who's lived in New York for decades. Inside is her diary. Blaudelle, never having had the opportunity to know his mother, reads it religiously. Antoine's curiosity is aroused, and he, too, delves into it.

Both father and son, hungry to make the acquaintance of an accomplished, wilful, independent woman, if only through the pages of her diary, discover the younger Celeste Beaumont (Monique Spaziani).

She's a country girl who loves music and silent movies, a girl who plays the piano in a theatre and who chooses a safe marriage with the son of a wealthy local family.

The film moves back and forth in time, jumping from the 1920s to the present, evoking a nostalgia which only loses its soft edge after Celeste marries the meek Pierre (Jacques Penot) and comes face-to-face with his domineering mother, Simon (Francois Faucher).

Far from being crassly sentimental or cloying, *The Revolving Doors* imparts a sense of sweet intimacy and lost innocence. The performances are first-rate, but Spaziani, Methe and Miou-Miou are particularly impressive.

The Revolving Doors **is one more reason why Quebecois films have had such a positive impact on the Canadian film scene. -- S.K.**

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Arts

Dual exhibition opens this fall

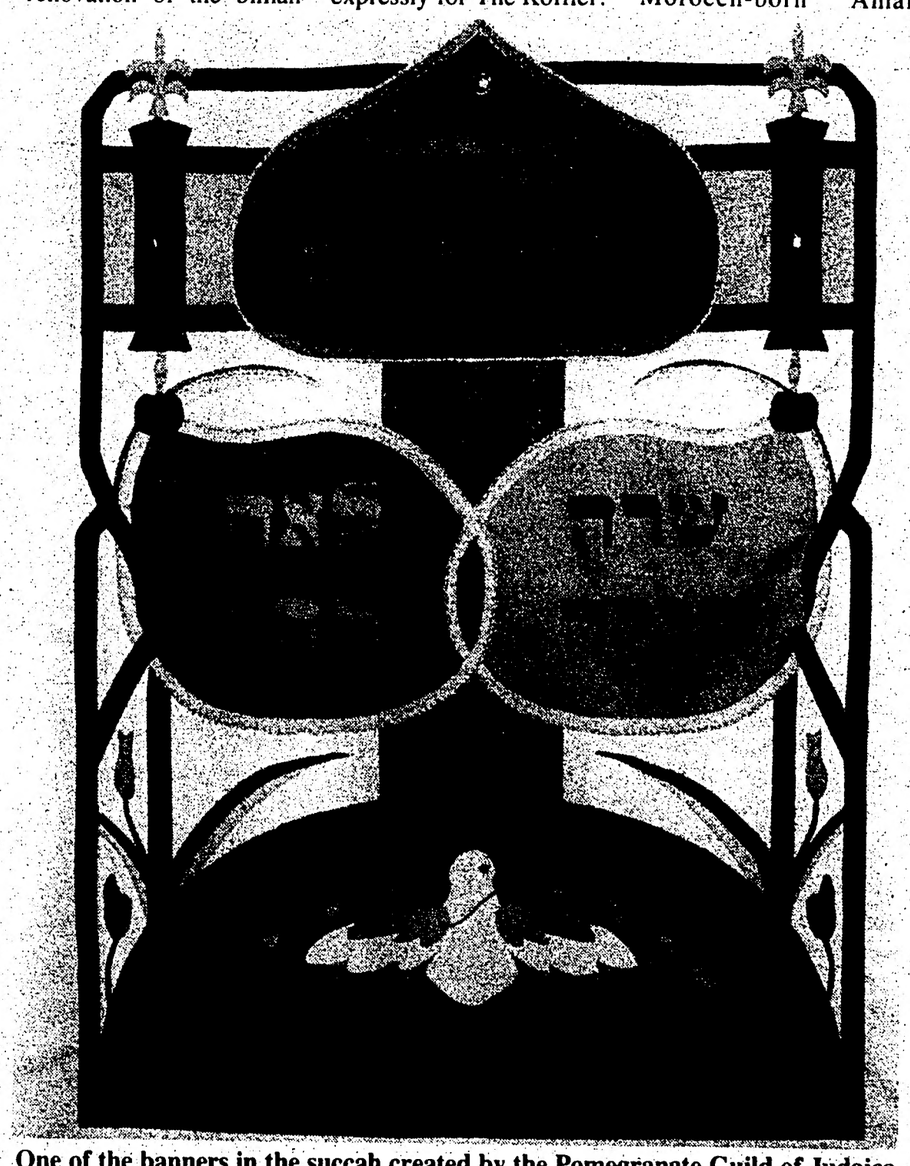
Amar creations, Pomegranate Guild succah at Koffler

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —
The Koffler Gallery opens this fall with a dual exhibition oriented to the holiday season.

Featured in the Main Gallery is a maquette for renovation of the bimah area in North York's Beth Tikvah Synagogue, created by Toronto artist Georgia Amar.

It is displayed with related paintings, prints, collages and glass studies as well as another model for a non-denominational place of worship built by Amar expressly for The Koffler.



One of the banners in the succah created by the Pomegranate Guild of Judaica Needlework at the Koffler Gallery.

The Loggia Gallery houses a full-size succah installation fashioned by members of The Pomegranate Guild of Judaica Needlework.

Commissioned to redesign Beth Tikvah's east wall with stained glass windows and doors to the Torah, Moroccn-born Amar probes deep into a kaleidoscopic background to produce her own religious and historic reality.

Technically untrained — she prefers that freedom — Amar has plunged into painting with a sureness and technique which belie her lack of formal art education. (She holds degrees in philosphy, French literature and education.) Her works reveal an innate sense of color and space.

For the Beth Tikvah project, her basis is "the six days of creation," and mindful of religious restrictions against the figurative, she adapts geometric form — tall rectangular windows above the bimah — plus light and soft hues, to establish an atmosphere at once secure and uplifting.

Amar's maquette of the interfaith chapel commissioned by The Koffler Gallery, is entitled The Place Where It Feels Good To Be. Here, a spacious, largely undorned building is approached by wide, shallow steps and a welcoming doorway. Inside, the floor slopes on all sides to a central, sunken "bimah" because, says the artist, "God gave the laws to the people, and the people are important."

The ceiling is a spectrum of subdued color constructed of light-reflecting triangles. The triangles, affirms Amar, signify strength. The general form and subtle tones throughout, are conducive to untrammeled meditation.

Amar sparkles with a vast vision and individual thought to which her works bear testimony.

How Beautiful Our Heritage, the succah which has come to fruition through the loving and skilled hands of The Pomegranate Guild members, glows like a jeweled ornament in rich, deep colors.

The Succoth festival commemorates the Israelites' wandering through the desert and Jews are told to build a succah and dwell in it to relive that uncertain time and to stress their dependence on God. The festival also celebrates the ingathering of the harvest. Decorating the succah is in keeping with the command to make the festivals beautiful.

The men and women of The Pomegranate Guild, working countless hours, have appliqued, embroidered, stenciled, quilted and carpentered to create the banners, baskets, ceremonial objects, walls and friends for this glorious succah.

The exhibition continues until Oct. 10.

Yiddish learning materials

NEW YORK —
Printed and taped Yiddish learning materials will be produced by the new Yiddish Language Resource Center, the League for Yiddish Inc., has announced.

The centre was made possible by a grant by the late Samuel Kaplan of the Bronx.

Projects already underway by the centre include a series of video tapes illustrating the rich variety of Yiddish regional variants. The cassette featuring Warsaw Yiddish has been completed. Other variants soon to go into production are Byelorussian, Galician and Vilna-Yiddish.

Another project in the planning stage is the recording of everyday Yiddish conversations on specific themes, and cassettes dealing with the nuances of Yiddish intonation.

It has produced a cassette of rare Yiddish folksongs including ballads, Purim songs, children's songs and selections from the early Yiddish theatre, sung by a traditional folksinger.

The League for Yiddish, Inc. is located at 200 West 72 St., Suite 40, New York 10023-2805.

War and Remembrance on TV

TORONTO —
The first 18 hours of Herman Wouk's *War and Remembrance*, will be shown on ABC TV in seven segments in November. Each segment will be three hours or 2½ hours. The last 12 hours of the 30-hour production will be shown in 1989.

War and Remembrance was filmed in 10 countries including unprecedented Holocaust scenes actually filmed at Auschwitz.

Producer Dan Curtis said he wanted it to be a lasting memorial to those who perished in the Holocaust.

On the first day of filming at Auschwitz he called the cast and crew together and said a prayer because he felt "the force of evil," so intensely.

Curtis worked closely with the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles and he and his staff received an intense education, preparing them to recreate the feelings and emotions of Holocaust victims.

At Auschwitz, the production unit constructed Crematorium 4 almost exactly as it once was from the original plan and specifications. In the back, the unit rebuilt the open body pits that were used to burn corpses.

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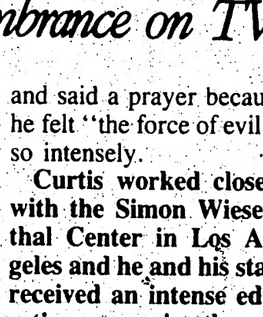
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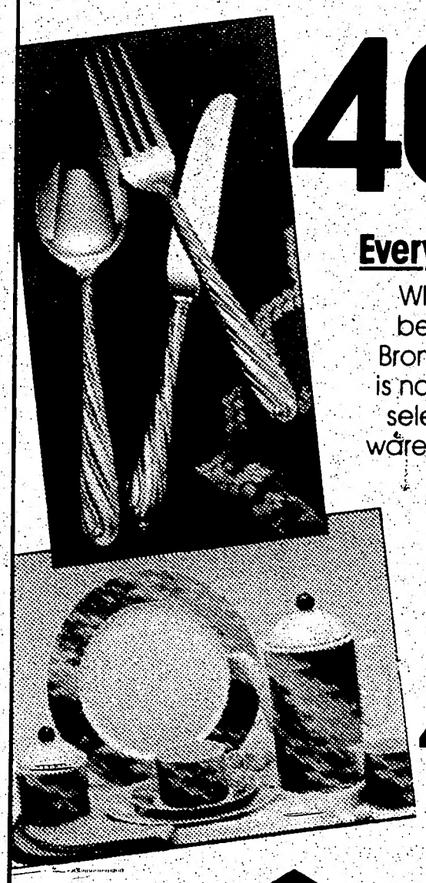
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Arts

New books probe naval war, Gush Emunim, Arens

By
DAVID BIRKAN

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Israel's high-tech naval duels with Egypt and Syria during the Yom Kippur War is vividly described in Jerusalem Post correspondent Abraham Rabinovich's *The Boats of Cherbourg* **(Seaver-Holt, U.S.$20).**

In these heretofore unsung feats, five Israeli missile boats sank five of their Syrian counterparts off the Syrian port of Latakia, on the first night of the war. The Israelis registered the same success two nights later off the Egyptian coast.

In those first ever missile-to-missile shootouts — a milestone in the evolution of naval warfare — the Israelis deployed a domestically-developed electronic system to deflect the Russian-made Styx missiles used by Egypt and Syria. The latters' range, at some 45 miles, was double that of the Gabriel missiles (also domestically made) used by Israel. The Israeli boats had to maneuvre into range, allowing the Syrians to fire first. All eight Syrian missiles missed.

The book's title refers to the fast patrol boats used as the electronics-weapons platform, which the Israelis were compelled to spirit out of the French port of Cherbourg after then French president Charles de Gaulle refused to turn them over to Israel in the wake of the Six Days War. Israel had ordered and paid for them months in advance. This much celebrated episode in Israeli military history was only the beginning. The rest of the story, as Rabinovich details it, is that these boats were to serve in the most sophisticated surface patrol system in naval history.

The text, documented with reports, photos, interviews, first-person accounts, and an extensive bibliography, is detailed but eminently readable. The book is an example of popularized history or historical journalism at its best.

The patrol boats' role in intercepting terrorists trying to get to Israel by sea is not at all discussed. That may still be too sensitive. Or it may be the subject of another book on its own.

Israel's Gush Emunim movement is the subject of Ian Lustick's less than sympathetic *For the Land and the Lord: Jewish Fundamentalism in Israel* **(Council on Foreign Relations, U.S.$12).**

The Gush's uncompromising refusal to cede any biblically promised Eretz Yisrael territory could make peace negotiations with local and surrounding Arabs impossible, is one conclusion. Another is that the Gush's apparent messianism could destroy Israel.

Apparent in the book is the spread of the Gush's outlook to other movements in Israel and its role as a contemporary source of motivation for new settlement.

Missing in Lustick's description of the Gush's development is any comparison between it and the chalutzim, pioneering settlers, of the early 20th century. They were also called fanatics, and worse.

While Syria's dictatorship is "anachronistic — running against the tide of modern times," its president Hafez Assad will remain a threat to Israel for some time to come, according to Israeli statesman Moshe Arens. This is one of many issues aired in Merrill Simon's *Moshe Arens, Statesman and Scientist, Speaks Out* **(Dean Books, U.S.$15).**

The book is in question-and-answer form, like an extended interview, with Israel's U.S.-born former minister of defence.

Simon, businessman and publicist, is author of *Jerry Falwell and the Jews.*

While asking all the right questions, Simon allows Arens to hedge on or deflect more difficult ones. Arens declines to comment on El Al Sabbath flights and marriages in Israel between Arabs and Jews, which he describes as a personal matter. He would give Conservative and Reform rabbis legal status if enough such Jews came on aliya.

Israel's Progressive Party for Peace and Communists, "who brag about their support of the PLO," should be banned as "subversive," says Arens. "Many people would agree that Kahane's Koch (that's how the book spells it) party also is one that is basically subversive," he adds in response to Simon's question.

Davies remains a distinguished author

Trilogy ends in disappointment

The Lyre of Orpheus, by Robertson Davies. Macmillan $24.95.

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

At 75, with over 30 books to his credit — novels, plays, essays, speeches and belles lettres — Robertson Davies is still going strong, his imagination unconfined, his literary prowess undiminished. After 26 years as editor and publisher of the Peterborough Examiner and 18 years as the first Master of Massey College of Toronto, he retired in 1981 to a life of relative peace and full-time writing.

The Lyre of Orpheus, Davies's sixth novel in the last 18 years, is the concluding installment of the trilogy that began in 1981 with *The Rebel Angels* and was followed in 1985 with *What is Bred in the Bone*.

It should be indicated at once that the capstone of the trilogy is a somewhat disappointing book. The outstanding novel of the earlier *Deptford Trilogy* was *Fifth Business; What is Bred in the Bone* remains the most impressive and readable of what might be called the *Cornish trilogy*.

The subject matter of *What is Bred in the Bone* was the realm of art and the vagaries of the artist. What is central to *The Lyre of Orpheus* is music — especially the musical conventions and the staging of opera in the 19th century.

Arthur Cornish, chairman of the well-endowed Cornish Foundation, is an amiable, well-meaning, uncertain, but ambitious patron of the arts. He persuades his fellow foundation trustees to underwrite a doctoral work by a talented but unpleasant young woman who is blessed with neither beauty nor good manners. The task of Hulda Schakenburg is to complete the score of an unfinished opera by E.T.A. Hoffman, the famous 19th century writer and Romantic composer. Rather recklessly, the foundation also undertakes to produce the completed opera, *Arthur of Britain* at Stratford, Ont.

Evidently, the author intends the image of the lyre to represent the musical enterprise that will lead his main characters into a complex underworld of tangled relationships. Thus, surprisingly, an unseemly crisis develops in the marriage of Arthur Cornish and his wife Maria, she of mysterious gypsy background; Doctor Gunilla Dahl Soot, a Swedish musicologist with lesbian tendencies seduces the grimy and sruffy Hulda; and Simon Darcourt, priest and scholar who is writing the biography of the late Francis Cornish, commits a number of unexpected and out-of-character indiscretions.

In the end after a multiplicity of trials, the opera is more or less successfully produced, Hulda attains a new-found maturity, Simon discovers how to bring life to the biography of Cornish by ingeniously solving a vexatious problem of art forgery, and Arthur and Maria find subdued happiness in connubial accommodation.

All the pieces of the complex plot, deftly maintained over three volumes, neatly fit together. But the reader is no longer seriously involved or concerned about the characters.

In *What is Bred in the Bone* Davies introduced two angels to comment on the background and actions of the protangonist. In *The Lyre of Orpheus* E.T.A. Hoffman reports on the action from his perch in limbo, a device that proves a bit thin.

As in the other novels, *The Lyre of Orpheus*, is filled with out-of-the-way knowledge on a variety of subjects — especially the Arthurian legends and the complexities of operatic production. The novel is replete with talk — some of it witty, erudite and informative, but some of it prolix and tedious. The attempt to fit the characters into some kind of Arthurian allegorical mold or as victims of tarot card predestination appears forced.

All in all, *The Lyre of Orpheus* is an entertaining, always interesting, ultimately disappointing, work by one of Canada's most distinguished and distinctive authors.

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Arts

Memory play about growing up in hick town during 60s

Nova Scotian rock musical is a doo-wap charmer

By
FRANK RASKY

You don't have to be a teenage rock fan to enjoy *Rock and Roll*.

John Gray's musical, which is running until Oct. 1 at the St. Lawrence Centre's Bluma Appel Theatre, is really a memory play about what it was like to grow up in a hick Nova Scotia town in the 1960s.

It's as irresistibly charming and sentimental and funny as Gray's other nostalgia musical, *Don Messer's Jubilee* — except that it's set to a doo-wap beat instead of country-and-western square-dance rhythms.

Louise Pitre

Gray has based it on his experiences as the plump leader of a rock and roll band called the Lincolns working out of Truro, NS.

The chief difference here is that the pudgy lead singer of the fictitious Monarchs of Mushaboom, NS, is a genuine professional rocker.

He's Doug Bennett, the "chief slug" of the Vancouver-based rock band, Doug and the Slugs, who hops around the stage like a chubby, manic panda bear. Then, mike in hand, a leer on his lips, he leaps down to the audience and works the theatre crowd as though he were in some scuzzy beer hall.

He is joined by two other top Canadian professionals who bring pezazz and plenty of personal charisma to the show.

One is Louise Pitre, the blonde song belter from London, Ont., who was so marvellous in *Applause* at the Leah Posluns Theatre, and will be playing a star role in the Toronto premiere of *Les Miserables* next March. Here she portrays a highschool bobbysoxer, who in one sizzling number, *The Boys' Club*, directs her fury at the all-male members of the rock band and their sexist "no ladies allowed" taboo.

The other is Maurice Godin, a dynamic young actor with blazing black eyes, who is a graduate of both the Shaw and Stratford Festivals. Here he plays Screamin' John, a 19-year-old hellion with greasy hair a la Presley, who makes a spectacular entrance from overhead straddling a mammoth guitar.

After killing himself in a racing car crash, he returns as the ghost of rock and roll, emerging ghoul-like from a coffin in the cemetery and making sardonic wisecracks about the problems of his fellow live teenagers.

With the exception of the driving, infectious *King of Friday Night*, none of the songs in the show are memorable. For example, the trite lyrics for one number hand out this conventional advice: "When the situation is out of control/You'd better rock and roll."

The show is redeemed by the wry comments made by Gray's characters on life in Mushaboom. Evidently the chief preoccupation there "is yawning and scratching yourself and trying to look like Perry Como." One character observes: "Culture in our town? That's the thing that grows in the back of your refrigerator."

The line that most amused me comes at the beginning of the show. The two boys who founded the amateur band, with guitars bought on credit from Simpson's, recognize how truly awful their music-making has been at the highschool dance hop.

"If God had wanted us to play rock and roll with real feeling," groans one Mushaboomer to the other, "He would have given us a different color of skin."

Thank God, though, that He gave Nova Scotian John Gray such a delightful sense of humor.

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Religious institutions "patrons of crafts"

Hallowed Objects exhibit begins tour

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Hallowed Objects, an exhibition of liturgical crafts including Jewish works, recently began a year-long tour of Ontario.

The 3-year liturgical project of the Ontario Crafts Council began with information gathering and documentation of works in existing collections and the compilation of an index of more than 2,000 individual pieces from more than 200 craftspeople whose works reflect symbolic and ceremonial significance.

Included in the travelling exhibition of 10 selected crafts people, are pieces created for different religious purposes in a variety of media.

Alan Elder, the curator of the Ontario Crafts Council says the exhibition is "intended to show the continuing role played by religious institutions as patrons of crafts."

Included in the exhibit is a hand-painted Italian Torah Mantle by Temmma Gentles of Toronto. It is a contemporary interpretation of a 17th century silk brocade Italian Torah Mantle displayed in the Israel Museum, Jerusalem.

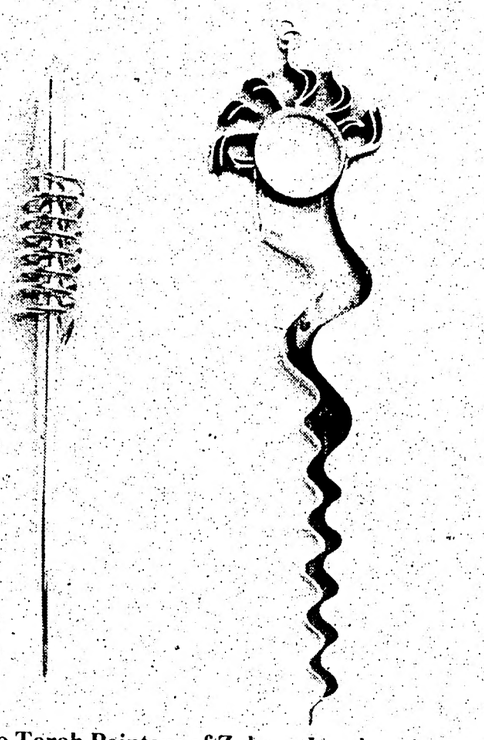
Gentles also has a tallit (prayer shawl), symbolically representing the story of Creation. The six horizontal bands represent the days of Creation and the collar is a single unit in gold representing the Sabbath.

Zahava Lambert of Willowdale, has five sterling silver Torah Pointers in the exhibition. The Torah Pointers are used to follow the lines of the script of the Torah while reading.

Lambert's copper wash basin and pitcher, created to depict waves, are examples of the traditional items used before meals and the blessings.

Also included in the exhibition are ceremonial objects by Lois Etherington Betteridge of Guelph. A sterling silver and gold Spice Box for Havdale, is used on Saturday evenings to separate the Sabbath from the rest of the week. The spice shaker is filled with sweet spices and designed with a grill through which the aroma may permeate.

There is also a die-formed sterling silver and plexiglass gragger by Betteridge. The gragger is a Judaica ceremonial rattle that is shaken to repel the spirit of Haman during the reading of the Megillah.



The two Torah Pointers of Zahava Lambert in the travelling Hallowed Objects exhibition of the Ontario Crafts Council.

Other crafts people in the exhibition have created works of Judaica and other religious pieces. Included are crafts by Ted Goodden, London; Sarah Hall, Toronto; Sybil Rampen, Oakville; Nancy-Lou Patterson, Waterloo; Lutz Haufschild, Toronto; Madeleine Duquemin, St. Catherines; and Lulu Hall, Weston (deceased).

The collection of liturgical crafts is presently at the Sarnia Public Library and Art Gallery. It will move to the Art Gallery of Northumberland in Cobourg from Oct. 21 to Nov. 20, and the Cambridge Public Library and Art Gallery in Cambridge from Dec. 15 to Jan. 3, 1989.

It will open at the McMaster University Art Gallery in Hamilton from Jan. 8 to Jan. 30, and continue to Kenora, Fort Frances, Stouffville and Belleville.

For more information on the Hallowed Objects exhibition, call the Ontario Crafts Council (416) 977-3551, or write to 346 Dundas St. W., Toronto M5T 1G5.

Handgun book popular

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Joseph Ben-Arie's *Totachei Kees* (Pocket Cannon) is a detailed 256-page hardcover compendium on revolvers and pistols. In Hebrew, it's the first such book published in Israel.

(Cost is U.S.$30, from the author, at 49 Ramat JaGolan St., Jerusalem 97703, Israel.)

Described among other things are handguns history and development, care and maintenance, selection and roles in war and terrorism.

Unique to this book on handguns is a chapter on their usefulness for self-defence in Israel, and another chapter on their role in Israel's War of Independence, in which many encounters were fought at close quarters.

A recent report on the book in The Jerusalem Post attributed its brisk sales — two printings of 1,000 copies each since the past February are just sold out — to the prolonged Arab disturbances.

Those books would probably have been sold anyway, maybe over a longer period of time. Handguns are carried by drivers, tourist guides, and other professionals in their duty in Israel besides police.

Many homes, even among the most liberal, have a gun stashed somewhere "just in case." The Arab threat to drive the Jews into the sea has inspired countless gun sales over the decades.

According to The Post, an estimated 200,000 Israeli citizens (25,000 in Jerusalem) own guns. Ben-Arie, who states that "being able to defend yourself is a fundamental precept of democracy," says he wouldn't leave his house without a gun. "It would be like going without my pants. Actually, I'd rather be without my pants."

Among the fascinating guns described in Ben-Arie's book is the Galand Velo-Dog revolver, a 5.5 m.m. pistol developed in the 19th century for bicyclists to use against attacking dogs. Apparently the Galand's success spawned a long line of such pistols.

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Showbiz Mishmash

Shaw's windy Geneva needs cutting, not censoring

By
FRANK RASKY

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE —

"Why do you exclude the Jew? Because you can not compete with his intelligence, his persistence, his foresight, his grasp of finance. It is our talents, our virtues, that you fear, not our vices."

— A Jew attacking Hitler in Shaw's *Geneva*

I spent a partly pleasant weekend here last week attending the Shaw Festival's three major entries at the tail-end of its season, which concludes on Oct. 16.

Why partly pleasant? Because the Festival is presenting a mixed bag of revivals.

One is a surprise hit, *The Voysey Inheritance*, almost equal to my No. 1 favorite, **Bernard Shaw's** *You Never Can Tell*, which I already reviewed at the beginning of the season.

Another is the season's most controversial drama, *Geneva*, half of it stimulating and half of it a mind-numbing soporific.

And the third is the much vaunted comedy, *Once In A Lifetime*, which I found totally tedious.

Let's begin with the controversial play that's still striking sparks after half a century.

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I'd like to say right off that Bernard Shaw's *Geneva* **is not anti-semitic. But it is windy and cranky and much of its Shavian wit is half-baked.**

It must be remembered that Shaw was in his 80s and approaching senility when this political polemic was originally produced in 1938. He himself admitted in the preface to his much revised play in 1945: "I am now in my dotage."

Christopher Newton, artistic director of the Festival, further admits in the program notes that "*Geneva* is a very strange play: part intellectual farce, part surreal rewriting of history." Furthermore, Newton says he has eliminated the extra act that Shaw inserted in 1945 and has produced "the original script as it was before Shaw started fiddling with it."

After reading the Bodley Head edition of *Geneva,* **with its prefaces and insertions as finally published in 1974, I must say I disagree with Newton on several scores. He trimmed some vital points made by Shaw and at the same time should have cut more of the verbiage in the last act.**

As it is now staged at Niagara-on-the-Lake, there are some scintillating gems in the first two acts of *Geneva*, but the long third act tends to be ponderous and bombastic, like an interminable political debate.

The result is a hodge-podge that shows Shaw at his weakest — all brains and no heart. It reflects his suspicion of democracy, which he terms "mobocracy," his blind adherence to the elite commissars of Communism, and his trivialization of the pain suffered by the victims of the Holocaust.

In his 1945 preface, he notes: "As I write, dockfulls of German prisoners of war, male and female, are being tried on charges of hideous cruelties perpetrated by them at concentration camps. The witnesses describe the horrors of life and death in them; and the newspapers class the accused as fiends and monsters . . ."

Shaw then callously rationalizes: "These Germans had to live in the camps with their prisoners. It must have been very uncomfortable and dangerous for them . . ."

To be fair, his insensitivity to suffering is not reflected in this political farce; Shaw pokes fun at the foibles of all his caricatures masquerading as national "types." Indeed, he takes pains to make the unnamed Jew in the comedy a charming, sophisticated non-stereotype.

"You cannot draw my nose in profile by simply writing down the number six," says the Jew. "My hair is not black, nor do I wear it in excessively oiled ringlets. I have all the marks of a German blond. German is my native language. In fact, I am in every sense a German. But I worship in the synagogue, and when I worship, I put my hat on."

The Jew initiates the stage action by registering a complaint with the League of Nations in Geneva that he has been plundered and kicked out of the country by German police.

He demands a warrant for "the arrest of my oppressor on a charge of attempting to exterminate a section of the human race."

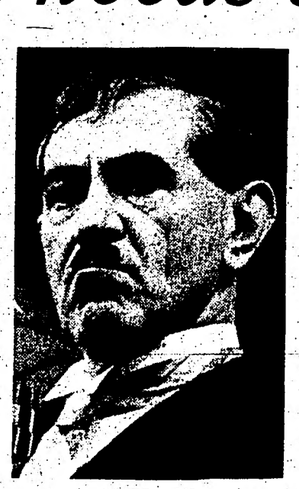
Similar charges are laid by several other plaintiffs before the Geneva secretary, a bigoted Englishwoman named **Begonia Brown** (played with Margaret Thatcheresque briskness by Toronto actress **Wendy Thatcher).**

As a consequence, the three despots then threatening to plunge Europe into war testify in their defence at the International Court of Justice at The Hague. However, the horseplay and the hamming of the trio in the courtroom is so grotesquely close to the buffoonery in **Charlie Chaplin's** *The Great Dictator* that their monstrous crimes against humanity can't be taken seriously.

Actor **Michael Ball** plays the **Benito Mussolini** character like a belligerent bullfrog. **Al Kozlik's Adolf Hitler** is a ranting manic-depressive who winds up blubbering tearfully over the fate of "my little doggie, Blonda." And though his accent may be Spanish, **Ian D. Clark's** portrayal of **General Francisco Franco** remains resolutely English. Here is an example of the implausible Mayfair words that Shaw puts into his mouth: "I stand simply for government by gentlemen against government by cads."

Nevertheless, despite its many flaws, *Geneva* **is a theatrical work of historical significance. We should be grateful to the Festival for mounting this rarely produced display of Shavian soapbox speechifying.**

Michael Ball



Al Kozlik

Susan Stackhouse

Joseph Ziegler

Nora McLellan

Sarah Orenstein

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Likewise a rarity is a production of **Harley Granville Barker's** 1905 Edwardian drama, *The Voysey Inheritance.*

A playwright, actor, director and drama critic, Barker today is generally regarded as a second-rater. The reason is that he languished for years in the shadow of his friend and mentor, George Bernard Shaw.

The Voysey Inheritance is probably the best of his plays exploring the hypocrisies of turn-of-the-century capitalists. It demonstrates that, though he was no original thinker like GBS, the characters created by HGB had more flesh and blood and deviltry in them than the preachy Shavian puppets.

The first of the five acts opens with veteran Canadian character actor **Douglas Rain** in one of the funniest of his silky-smooth scoundrel roles. He portrays Trenchard Voysey, Sr., a wealthy London solicitor, impeccable in his pearl-gray spats, pince-nez, and suave manner, jovially making a confession of criminality. For more than 30 years, he and his father before him have been dipping into their clients' trust funds to speculate in the stock market.

His son, Edward, a priggish, high-principled junior partner in the firm, listens to these revelations in a state of shocked dismay. The dialogue exchange, between the cool embezzling father and the aghast weeping son as played by **Joseph Ziegler,** is drawing room comedy of the highest order.

"Now, Edward, it's no use indulging in naive hysterics," the senior Voysey scolds him in a patronizing tone.

"But my dear father, what you have done is not right!" wails Edward in agony.

"There, there," his pater comforts the puritan impatiently. "You must see *beyond* the letter of the law."

Edward must decide whether to "go on with the game" in the Voysey tradition. Or to confess all the chicanery to the police and go to jail bankrupt, but with his head held high. The latter noble course, his father reminds him, would deprive his sisters of their dowries, his brothers of their inheritances, and his beloved near-deaf mother of the servants and luxuries to which she was accustomed.

How Edward resolves his dilemmas after the 2nd-act death of his father becomes a morality tale as absorbing to us as the financial buccaneering of the upright men of property in **John Galsworthy's** *Forsyte Saga.*

Zeigler rises to deserved stardom in this play. He is especially hilarious in a drunk scene, during which he loses his inhibitions and increasingly becomes tiddly.

He is aided by a large and solid cast. Sterling performances are turned in by **Susan Stackhouse** as his teasing yet loving fiancee; **Sarah Orenstein** as the gentle but practical-minded wife of a constantly bellowing Voysey brother in the militia; and **Irene Hogan** as the sly mother, who shrewdly claims she can't hear a word when it's convenient not to.

Neil Munro, its gifted director, says in the program notes that the drama "is still very much a swift kick in the middle-class rump." When you consider the number of lawyers nowadays being disbarred for financial hankypanky, *The Voysey Inheritance* remains as pertinent today as it ever was.

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I wish I could say the same about that classic comic spoof of Hollywood, *Once In A Lifetime.* I had been itching to see a revival of it ever since I read **Moss Hart's** beguiling 1959 autobiography, *Act One.* The 1930 comedy was the first of the Broadway hits that launched his career as a collaborator with **George S. Kaufman.**

Unhappily, the Shaw Festival production proved to be a mirthless disappointment. Part of the blame may be attributed to director **Duncan McIntosh,** who ruined *War and Peace* earlier this season by his directorial meddling which converted **Leo Tolstoy's** fiction epic into a minimalist anti-war tract.

Here McIntosh has gone to the opposite extreme. *Once In A Lifetime* is a skinny comedy trifle about three small-time vaudevillians who head for Hollywood to pull off a get-rich-quick scam. Their scheme is to establish an elocution school that professes to teach squeaky-voiced silent movie actors how to speak in the new era of the talkies.

Indulging in wretched excess, McIntosh attempts to pad out this anemic little lampoon and transform it into a campy Busby Berkeley-like extravaganza. He lets designer Mary Kerr run wild; togs up eight chorines in stars-and-stripes costumes who sing Al Jolson songs during scenery changes; decorates the Hollywood sky with twinkling stars; and populates its studios with stereotypes ranging from a whip-cracking director who yearns for Russian director Eisenstein to a cigar-chomping producer who brags, "Here we have no time for thinking."

The result is a noisy, garish spectacular that outvulgarizes the gaucheries of the Tinsel Town it strives to satirize. The pandemonium also detracts from whatever wisp of a plot that existed. I was reminded of the frenzied, jittery, flickering images of the early **Harold Lloyd** movies and the characters seemed as unbelievably silly as the pioneer **Donald Duck** cartoons.

Alas, part of the blame, too, must be attributed to my quondam heroes of the typewriter. Kaufman and Hart, whom I'd always worshipped as the masters of sophisticated Manhattan wit, have sprinkled the script with wisecracks as limp as mouldy marshmallows. Even fine work by that veteran of musical comedies, **Nora McLellan,** playing the role of a sharp-tongued blonde bimbo with a heart of gold, fails to instill life in the dated gags.

As they used to wisecrack about Hollywood, underneath the tinsel of this tired comedy of yesteryear lies . . . still more tinsel.

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I'll bow out with these quotes on Hollywood stardom.

Rosalind Russell: "Success in Hollywood is a public affair. Failure is a private funeral."

Katharine Hepburn: "Show me an actress who isn't a personality and I'll show you a woman who isn't a star."

Dustin Hoffman: "One thing about being successful is that I stopped being afraid of dying. Once you're a star, you're dead already. You're embalmed."

Director **Billy Wilder:** "In Hollywood, the eternal triangle consists of an actor, his wife and himself."

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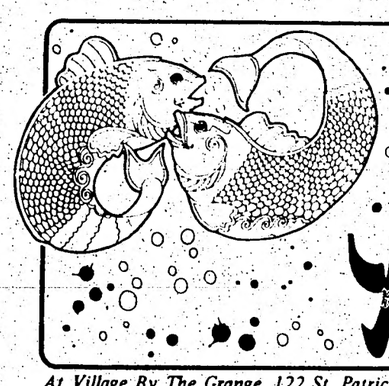

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Travel

Many attractions make Ottawa visit a capital idea

By JEFF ROSEN

OTTAWA —

To many, Ottawa is a place of all work and little play, as the country's political leaders debate such timely issues as free trade and nuclear submarines in Canada's Parliament Buildings. However a visit to the nation's capital shows that Ottawa has a lot more to offer.

As well as tours of the Centre and East blocks on Parliament Hill and the daily changing of the guard, there are plenty of sightseeing attractions around the city.

Down the street from Canada's Parliament is the Supreme Court of Canada which was created in 1875.

The building has three courtrooms, one for the Supreme Court and two for the Federal Court of Canada. The public may observe the court when in session and may visit the courtrooms at other times.

Just next door is the National Archives of Canada. Created in 1872, it has since acquired vast holdings, including over 60 million manuscripts and government records, as well as paintings, prints and medals of historic interest, photographs and media archives.

The archives shares the building with the National Library which has a special newspaper reading room where past issues of most Canadian newspapers (including most first issues) may be requested.

Still, if you prefer browsing through shops and sightseeing to reading, then Ottawa is definitely the place to head.

The city is home to the oldest pedestrian mall in the country. The Sparks Street Mall was created in 1961 when merchants embarked on an experiment to bar motorized traffic from the street in order to create a "people-only" open-air mall.

The experiment proved successful and today's mall is teaming with people and alive with street entertainers.

Not far from the mall, in Ottawa's Lower Town, the Byward Market treats visitors to a multitude of sights and smells in the historic farmer's market.

From April to December, vendors' stalls brim with everything from maple syrup and fresh vegetables to honey, flowers and firewood.

Fashion boutiques and private art galleries vie with restaurants in this area in buildings which date back to the city's early years.

When the sun goes down and the farmers go home the market continues to be a favorite stomping ground for locals and visitors alike. The area comes alive as street musicians entertain young and old alike, while university students ferry visitors around the area in rickshaws.

Standing as the gateway to this historic area is the Chateau Laurier. Built in 1912, the hotel was designed after the style of a stately French chateau and named after former Prime Minister Sir Wilfred Laurier.

Crossing over Rideau St. from the Byward Market, shoppers can lose themselves in the more modern Rideau Centre. Ottawa's largest shopping mall contains over 230 shops, boutiques, restaurants and department stores in a modern 3-storey building which is attached to the Westin Hotel and Ottawa Congress Centre (formerly Ottawa's Union Station).

The Royal Canadian Mint and Rideau Hall (Governor-General's residence) are also interesting stops for visitors. However to fully understand this city's history, a visit to the Rideau Canal is a must.

The canal was begun in 1826 following the War of 1812 with the U.S. to provide a protected military supply route from Montreal to the Great Lakes.

Built by British ordinance under the command of Lieutenant Colonel John By, the canal was carved through some 200 kilometres of swamp, lakeland and solid rock between the Ottawa River and Kingston.

Colonel By was also responsible for laying out the new town and many streets in the Byward Market still run exactly as he planned them.

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By
JAMES MONTAGNES

GENEVA —

Europe's tallest fountain is a white plume of water spouting like a fireman's hose several hundred feet into the air out of Lac Leman at Geneva, Switzerland. It is just one of the many sights on this blue lake which curves for about 25 miles (40 km.) between Switzerland and France. The shore is studded with resort towns and its steep hillsides merge into blue snowcapped Alps.

If your time is limited you can board an excursion steamer for a 1-day trip on Lac Leman, also known as Lake Geneva. The round trip from Geneva to Montreux will include some side trips. There are frequent services on the lake all day — you can stop over if some place interests you, and continue on the next boat.

But if you are not in a hurry, stop off at any of the dozen or so large and small communities. Good hotels are everywhere on both sides of the lake, beaches are numerous, health spas abound. There are special season tickets for the steamers or trains along the lakeshore.

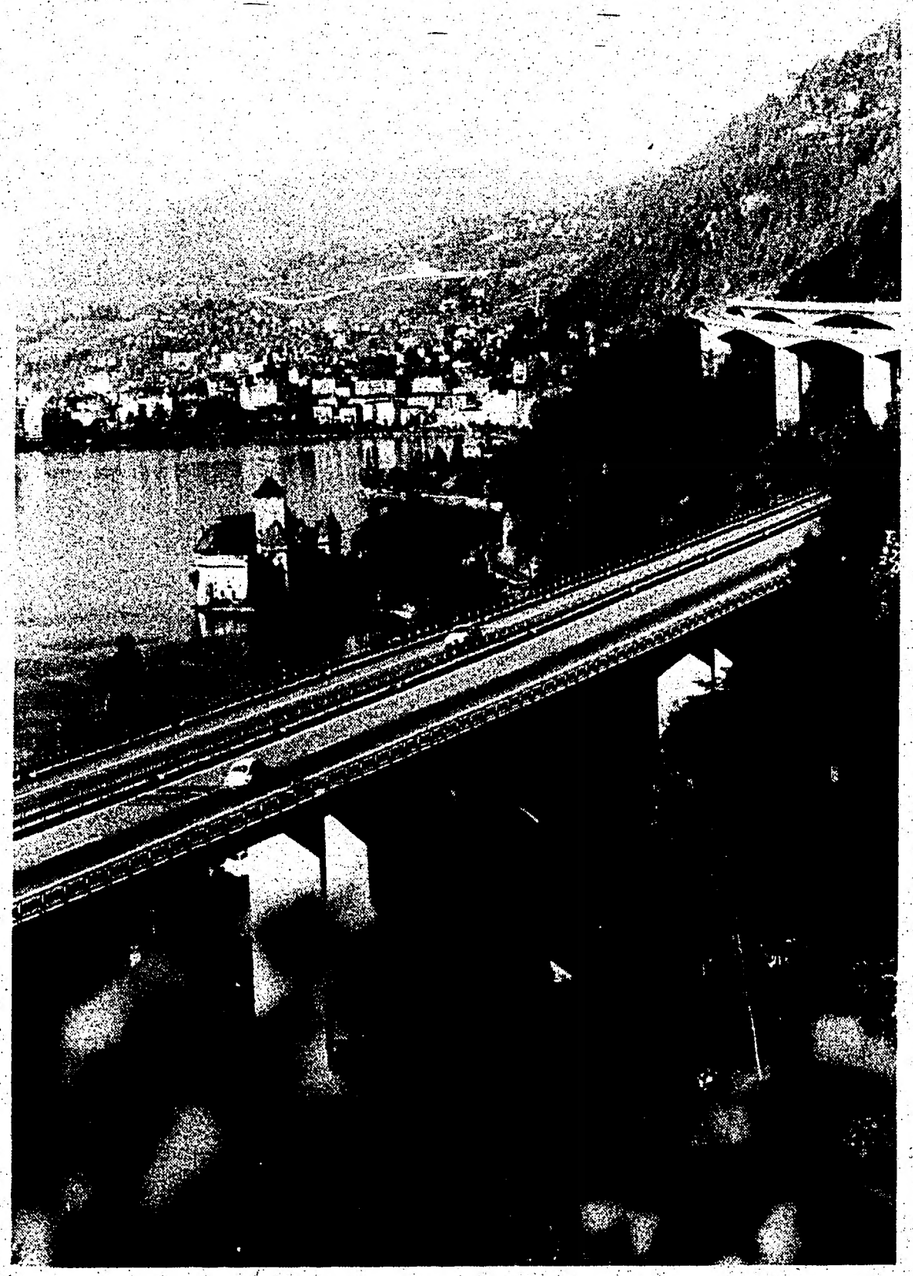
In Geneva, Switzerland's third largest city, promenades, parks and beaches line the lakeshore. Hotels and business buildings stand back from the waterfront. Bridges across narrow sections of the lake carry heavy automobile and tramway traffic. Here, as in most towns along the lake, you'll see white swans gliding over the placid waters.

The city has a long history as an international meeting place, from fairs in medieval times to major international conferences today. The white headquarters of the United Nations, formerly used by the League of Nations, is here. Here also are numerous important museums for porcelain, for artifacts from the Middle Ages, to musical instruments, to science and to watchmaking. On the waterfront is a floral clock which keeps accurate time.

For Jewish visitors there is an Orthodox synagogue near the waterfront at 11 Place de la Synagogue, as well as a Sephardi and a Liberal synagogue nearby.

The white excursion steamers which ply the lake to ports in both Switzerland and France, carry the flags of both nations. From Geneva the first stops are in the suburban towns of Bellevue, Versoix, Coppet and Celigay on the north shore. The first main stop is at Nyon, a small market town and the centre of chinaware manufacture. Roman soldiers had a rest camp here — some 2,000 years ago.

Then, likely as not, the steamer will cross the 7-mile (11-km.) wide lake to the French resorts of Nernier, Thonon with its fine beach and champion diving platforms, and Evian, international conference centre and health spa.



Montreux on Lake Geneva, Switzerland, with the famed Castle of Chillon (centre).

If your steamer follows the Swiss shore you will stop at Rolle and Morges en route to Lausanne, where the steamer also docks at suburban Ouchy, Pully and Cully. The docks are lined with flower gardens much of the year.

Lausanne is a city for sightseeing. Its streets are steep and lined with fine shops, while excellent restaurants and hotels are numerous. The local streetcar system takes you to all the suburbs, and if you don't feel like climbing, the funicular railway goes to the higher parts of the city.

Be sure to see the Palace of Justice with the statue of national hero William Tell, and the 700-year-old cathedral where you can nearly always hear organ rehearsals or recitals.

There is a synagogue in Lausanne at 1 Avenue Juste Olivier, as well as a community centre, and kosher food is available.

From Lausanne the steamer follows the Swiss shore and the hillsides become steeper. Terraced vineyards take the place of forested residential areas. Near Vevey you pass through one of Switzerland's main wine growing regions, and from here funicular trains will take you into the nearby snowcapped mountains.

At the end of the lake is the famous resort town of Montreux, where snowcapped peaks seem almost within touching distance.

Don't miss the Castle of Chillon in suburban Montreux. It dates back to the 11th century, but there were fortifications on its rocks as far back as the Bronze Age. You can tour the castle and the basement dungeons from where the only escape route was by water. The castle became famous through English Lord Byron's poem The Prisoner of Chillon, but for centuries was a military guardian of mountain roads for the Counts of Savoy who collected a tax on all merchandise passing through.

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Business Outlook

WZO, settlers working to reopen Gaza hotel

Resort in trouble since it opened

TEL AVIV (JPFS) — Gaza Strip settlers are trying to reopen what is probably the first business to close down as a direct result of the intifada.

The settlers, as well as World Zionist Organization and government officials, were trying to work out an arrangement which would enable the Katif Beach Hotel to reopen before Succoth. The hotel, situated on a sandy beach west of Khan Yunis, was closed recently after a creditor removed part of its equipment.

While Zvi Hendel, chairman of the Gaza Coast Regional Council, said he was certain the hotel would reopen, Nissim Zvili, co-chairman of the WZO's settlement department, which is putting up much of the needed funds, said he did not believe the hotel was economically viable.

The WZO was pouring in three million shekels just to prevent the hotel from dragging six Katif area settlements down with it, he said.

The settlements — Netser Hazani, Katif, Ganei Tal, Gadid, Gan Or and Bedolah — had been the hotel's guarantors.

The Katif Beach Hotel, which offered guests swimming facilities, horseback riding, jeep tours and other amenities, had been in trouble ever since it was opened 13 months ago. Construction costs far exceeded the budget; the WZO was reportedly late in transferring the funds it had promised; and the intifada scared vacationers away.

Some months the hotel was empty, according to Zvili. While the hotel was packed during the peak summer months — partly with groups brought there — reservations are to taper off after Succoth.

Hendel said the hotel's immediate debts totalled 3-4 million shekels. The creditors are eight to 10 contractors who are expecting 70,000 to 500,000 shekels each, he said. The settlers have also taken several long-term development loans to the tune of $9 million, but these loans have a 17-year repayment period, he added.

Some of the hotel's managers believed the creditors would not take any action because the hotel is worth more as a going concern. But the one company, which was owed 470,000 shekels, appeared at the hotel last week and carted away circuit boxes, generators, computers, calculators and a telex machine.

The hotel management, therefore, was forced to phone some 250 would-be guests expected for the Rosh Hashanah weekend and tell them not to come. Hendel said there were some angry conversations as guests objected to the hotel informing them at the last minute.

Hendel blamed the WZO for the hotel's trouble. He said the WZO had promised the settlers some 3 million shekels, but the money didn't come.

Zvili, however, insisted the WZO had met all its obligations "beyond any signed agreement." The WZO, he said, had committed itself to pay 3 million shekels, while the hotel's operators spent 4.5 million. "We cannot whip up another 1.5 million shekels," Zvili said.

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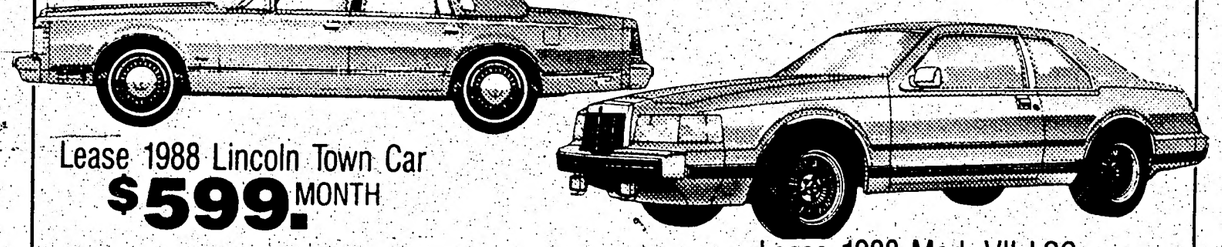

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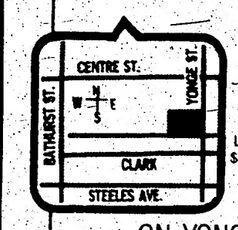

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As we are all aware booms come and go, and as they go, housing prices usually soften. Speculators add to the softening of the market place because as a boom winds down, they usually want to bail out. These two elements move in-and-out like waves in the sea in normal times. The problem, however, is that as long as the Metropolitan Toronto area remains a favored destination for large numbers of new immigrants, times will not be normal.

We think that housing prices in this area will continue to move upward, perhaps at a slower or faster pace for some years to come.

Our advice is buy a place as soon as possible. Don't wait to find your dream castle. Buy anything you can afford now. Inflation will help you move up to other levels as time goes on.

Question: Is there any way that I can have a steady income, when I convert my RRSPs, without it changing the value of my estate to my family?

Answer: One of the important considerations in planning for a RRIF or annuity is how it will effect the future estate value. Some people want their estate value to increase, while others prefer to use the money while they are alive, even if the estate shrinks.

In your case, you want to maintain a level value. This can be done, but only for a while. It is possible to set up a RRIF that will pay out the interest earned on your capital each month (or each year) and, therefore, the capital would be available for your estate on your death.

For a person who is age 71, this will work for 10 years only. After that the RRIF formula in the income tax act will require that you must start to take out more than the interest. In fact, the entire amount must be withdrawn by age 90. Therefore from age 81 to age 90, as you are forced to withdraw larger amounts each year, the estate value will decrease.

Question: Several years ago, I bought an annuity and I have been paying income tax on the total amount received each year. I have now heard that only part is taxable. What can I do about it?

Answer: It is likely that the annuity that you bought several years ago was purchased with RRSP funds. Because there was no income tax on the contributions or the growth of the RRSP and the funds were transfered tax free to the annuity, the income coming out each year is fully taxable.

In order to be partially tax free, the annuity must be bought from "after tax" dollars. This is called a prescribed annuity. It is often used by people who have large sums of money to invest because it produces larger amounts of spendable after-tax income, than do the usual investments into interest-bearing GICs or bonds.

All questions on annuities, RRIF's or RRSP's should be directed to Sherr, Bergstein & Crackower Annuity Insurance Agency, 272 Lawrence Avenue West, Suite 203, Toronto, Ontario M5M 4M1; telephone (416) 787-4517.

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	65	574.00	528.00
	71	657.00	587.00
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	65	537.00	510.00
	71	577.00	547.00
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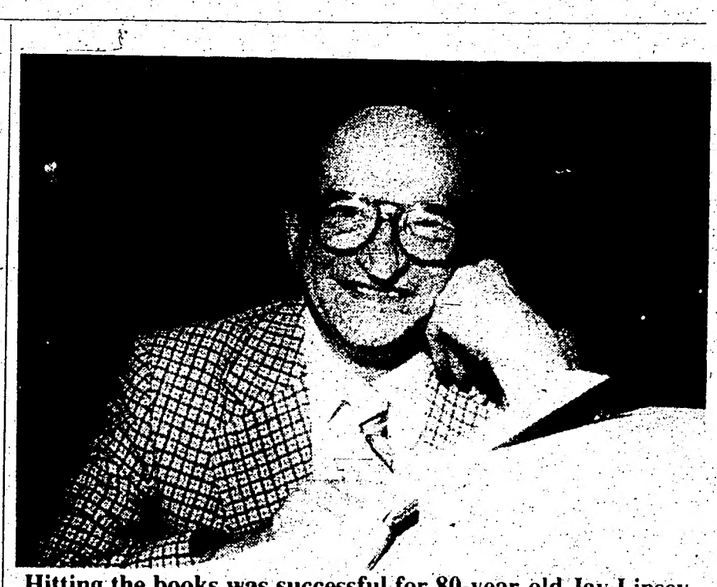

Hitting the books was successful for 80-year-old Jay Lipsey.

Jay Lipsey graduates at 80

By
DORIS STRUB EPSTEIN

When most people retire, they begin thinking about condominiums in Florida. Jay Lipsey began thinking about going back to school.

This November, at 80 years of age, he will receive his BA in political science from York University.

There were two motivating factors for returning to school when Lipsey retired in 1979, after working for over 50 years in the women's clothing business.

The first was a love of learning. Daughter Helen Lyon commented, "I was proud of my father for tackling university, but not surprised. He has always taken courses and studied on his own. He loves knowledge for the sake of knowledge."

The second motivation was the mental challenge. "I didn't want to get stale," declared Lipsey.

Energetic and articulate, the still blonde Lipsey had no difficulty relating to his classmates. "I went to all the school parties — I didn't miss one!" he said smiling broadly.

Prof. Janice Newton, who taught his final course, organized a class party in his honor. She found him to be an inspiration. When she became discouraged in her own studies, she would tell herself, "if Jay can do it, I can do it too."

There were rough times when Lipsey had to use sheer will power to continue.

When his wife, Pearl Miriam, died in 1982, grief made it hard to concentrate and robbed him of energy. But he told himself that it would be worse if he wasn't studying.

Lipsey's wife encouraged him in his studies. In fact, 50 years ago she urged him to go back to school and become a professional. But, there was a young family to support, and in those days little opportunity to go to university part-time at night.

Two operations for cancer in the past 11 months on his left eye, did not stop him either. The most recent surgery was on a Monday. On Wednesday he attended class with a patch on his eye.

Lipsey was born in Drobin, Poland where he attended a theological seminary. In 1928 he married Pearl Miriam. The journey by ship to Canada was their honeymoon.

Later he brought a brother, a sister and their spouses to Canada. Lipsey became sad only once during the interview when he talked about the rest of his family trapped in Poland by the war. His parents and six sisters between the ages of 14 and 28 were murdered by the Nazis. They perished in Treblinka.

He had tried desperately to bring them to Canada. "If Canada would have the laws then that they have today, my family would have lived," he said.

It is evident that Lipsey has a zest for involvement and social responsibility.

He is the financial secretary of Tzeirai, a branch of the Farband; corresponding secretary of the Senior Citizens Club of the Labour Zionist Alliance; and chairman of adult education of the Jewish Senior Citizens Clubs (there are 27) of Toronto. He often translates Yiddish for Meals on Wheels personnel.

Lipsey has two children, Helen Lyon and Sheldon Lipsey, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

"The whole family is proud of him," said daughter Helen, "Just like his teacher, when we feel like giving up, we can't. He is an inspiration for all of us."

Lipsey's future plans? More school of course. "If I'm blessed with life and health, I'll continue toward an MA."

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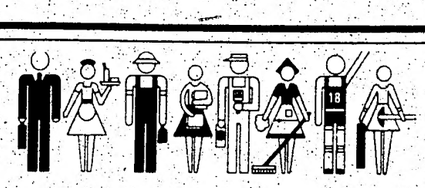


"Dubie" Bader leads Maccabi team

Gymnast modest about gold medal performance

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Dov (Dubie) Bader is somewhat modest about his accomplishments as a gymnast.

When asked about his performance at the recent Maccabi Youth Games in Chicago, "it's okay," was all he was ready to concede.

Getting a B in school is "okay," or keeping the ball on the fairway in golf, is "okay."

But getting seven gold medals in each and every gymnastic event is not just "okay," it's a little better than that. Maybe even "pretty good."

Perhaps Bader's many achievements have jaded his youthful sensibilities to another great performance.

But with his seven gold medals in floor exercises, pommel horse, rings, vault, parallel bars, high bar and for overall performance, Bader led the Toronto contingent to the youth games with the team's single best performance.

His teammate, Martin Alexander won three silver medals in floor exercises, vault and high bar, while Willowdale's Bethany Dworkin garnered 3 gold medals and 1 silver in girls competition.

For Bader, tough competition is nothing new. Earlier this summer, he prepared for the Canadian national championships in the novice category (under 17) and placed 6th all round nationally.

Earlier this spring, Bader was first in the pommel horse en route to a 2nd all round finish at the Ontario Provincial Championships in Sudbury.

For Dubie, getting near the top in Canada at the tender young age of 16 didn't come easy. To develop the strength, skill and stamina necessary to compete, and win, in gymnastics takes a lot of work. In his case, 3 hours per day, for five or six days a week after school.

Aiming for Olympics

He's been working at it for six years now, enjoying the taste of success and has also represented Canada at the 1985 Maccabiah Games as a junior.

The competition has whetted his appetite for more and the Mount Albert resident (north of Toronto) has set his sights on the 1992 Olympic Games in Spain.

He'll be all of 20-years-old at the time and his coach in Newmarket, Eugene Shendery, is preparing him for the tough competition.

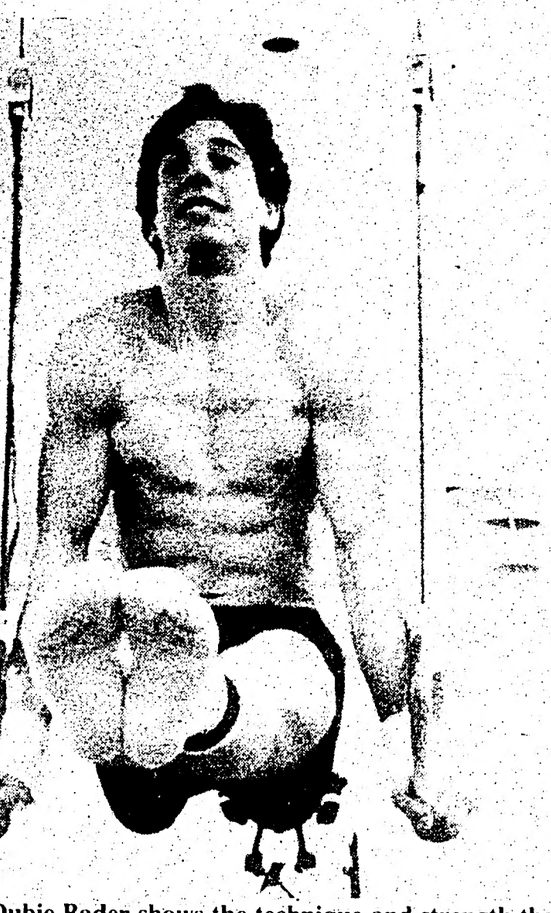
"He's prepared me physically and given me good technical skills," Dubie told The CJN.

Over the years, Dubie has seen the difference good coaching and hard work brings.

"I think I've been getting more consistent with my routines even though they've been getting more difficult," he said.

With American Mitch Gaylord (a 1981 Maccabiah gold medalist and a member of the 1984 U.S. Olympic team) and Canadian national champ Curtis Hibbert as inspirations, Dubie has set his sights high.

Though he may be modest, his goals certainly are not.



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